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STANSTED IS GIVEN GREEN LIGHT

Call to expand Heathrow traffic

By Air Cdre G. S. COOPER Air Correspondent

EXPANSION of Stansted by 1990, further development of Heathrow by 1995, and an end to political ineptitude and vacillation on airport policy are called for in the report of the inspector appointed three years ago to find a coherent strategy.

In his report, published yesterday, Mr Graham Eyre, Q.C., urges the Government to resolve the airports question in the longer term "in a manner that is speedy, unequivocal, firm in its expression and resolute in its implementation."

Present and planned capacity in the London airports system will be insufficient to meet demand beyond the present decade.

Additional capacity will be needed no later than 1990, says Mr Eyre.

Only Stansted can be developed in time, adds the report, which recommends:

Planning permission to enable Stansted to be developed to a capacity of 15 million passengers a year, as soon as possible, for single-runway operation only.

Development of Stansted should be planned to provide an ultimate capacity of 25 million passengers a year, matching Gatwick's, single-runway capacity.

A separate aim to commission additional terminal accommodation and other airport development at Heathrow by the mid-1990s to increase capacity there by 15 million to 35 million passengers a year, but with no planning permission to be granted at this stage.

Abandonment of the proposal to limit air transport movements at Heathrow to 275,000 a year.

Development of regional airports to provide additional capacity outside the South-East as demand rises.

Essex battle 'to continue'

A parliamentary debate is expected to follow the publication of the report. Ministers will then make a decision, which some Whitehall officials believe may be announced in the spring, probably at Easter.

The British Airports Authority warmly welcomed the green light for early development of Stansted, which a spokesman described as vital for the future of an important industry.

He said they were looking forward to formal consent for a new terminal at the Essex airport.

But the North West Essex and East Herts Preservation Association said it was "shocked and horrified" by the findings. If Stansted's passenger capacity was expanded, the countryside and surrounding towns would be ruined.

Mrs Susan Forsyth, association organiser, vowed that the

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fight against expanding the airport would continue.

"We regard any development beyond a four million a year capacity to be totally unacceptable," she said, adding that her campaign supporters had raised £250,000 to fight the expansion plan.

Essex County Council said it had always opposed the development of Stansted above three million passengers a year.

"We feel some expansion would be practicable and we told the inquiry so. We now need to examine closely the implications of this significant document," a spokesman said.

Priority urged for Heathrow

The report's recommendation of further expansion at Heathrow was welcomed by British Airways.

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Surprise decision on costs

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

THE Government promised yesterday to meet the costs of the accounts appointed by the High Court to sequester the NUM's assets if the union's funds are not promptly recovered.

It was the first time that the Government had intervened in legal proceedings over the strike.

In an unprecedented action which took the sequestrators—who had not requested it—completely by surprise, Sir Michael Havers, Attorney-General, granted them an indemnity for an unlimited amount to cover their costs as officers of the court.

It was stressed in official circles that the decision, endorsed at a meeting of ministers, did not amount to doing the sequestrators' "blank cheque."

Nor was it intended to imply that the Government expected them ultimately to fail in their so-far-unsuccessful attempt to regain control of more than £8 million of union funds in overseas banks to meet a £200,000 fine for contempt of court.

Angry reaction

However Labour MPs reacted angrily both to the decision and to the manner of its announcement.

Mr Stanley Orme, Shadow Energy Secretary, and fellow Labour MPs, raised repeated points of order in the House as they demanded an oral statement from the Minister responsible.

And last night the Labour Front Bench was confident that such a statement, enabling them to seek elaboration of the decision and its purpose, would be made this afternoon.

There was some confusion at Westminster last night as to why the Government should have taken a decision which could be seen as involving it directly in the minutiae of the dispute for the first time.

The prime cause was all the greater because, although the sequestrators from Price Waterhouse are reckoned to have spent nearly £200,000 on the case so far, they had not sought any interim contribution toward their costs.

The decision to offer the indemnity, taken a few days ago, was disclosed in a formal announcement of changes in the Government's spending plans published in the name of Mr John Moore, Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

The indemnity, it stated, was "given by the Attorney-General for uncovered costs and other expenditure incurred by the sequestrators appointed by the High Court as officers of the court in enforcement of the court's order in the case of Taylor and Foulston (two working miners) against the NUM (Yorkshire Area) and the NUM."

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CONTEMPT FINE NOT PAID

BY T G W U

By Our Legal Correspondent

A 14-day time limit for payment of the £200,000 contempt of court fine imposed on the Transport and General Workers' Union expired yesterday with no indication of the fine being paid or the union seeking to purge its contempt.

If now faces the prospect of further court proceedings which could result in the total sequestration of its £54 million assets under the court's enforcement machinery for non-payment of the fine.

The fine was imposed by Mr Justice Hodgson on Nov. 26 after the union defied an order obtained against it by Austin Rover requiring it to lift its strike call at the company's plant until approved by secret ballot as required under the 1984 Trade Union Act.

After setting time limits for the exchange of pleadings, the judge adjourned the proceedings until Jan. 14.

BENTLEY SOLD FOR £246,000

By Our Art Sales Correspondent

The 1930 Bentley which raced the Blue Train from Cannes to London in 1936 and won handily became one of the most expensive cars ever auctioned when it was sold by Sotheby's in London last night for £246,000.

The Silent Speed Six two-door coupe which was bought by telephone by a collector living near San Francisco, originally belonged to Noel Wolfe, a "Babe" Barnato, chairman of Bentley Motors.

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Captain Harry Clark, pilot of the skyjacked Kuwaiti airliner, taking a well-earned rest on a Tehran hospital bed yesterday after his "terrifying experience" at the hands of the terrorists. Other pictures—P5.

Fresh ploy to gain control of NUM £4m

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

COURT proceedings by the sequestrators of the assets of the National Union of Mineworkers in Luxembourg were adjourned yesterday to allow for a new attempt by the receiver of the union's assets to have £4,650,000 of its funds transferred back to Britain.

Mr Michael Arnold, a London chartered accountant, who has taken over as receiver from Mr Herbert Brewer, a Derbyshire solicitor, will be seeking to persuade Nobis Finan International, where the money is held in bearer bonds, that his claim to the money should be recognised, without the delay and expense of further court proceedings.

The four sequestrators, partners in the chartered accountants Price Waterhouse, who traced the money to the Luxembourg finance house, had earlier applied to the Luxembourg courts for the appointment of a judicial sequestrator.

"This would have the effect of freezing the money in the finance house until a full hearing of their claim to take possession of it. At their request yesterday the hearing of their application was adjourned for seven days.

Dublin delay

After the adjournment, Mr Paul Mousel, a Luxembourg lawyer who has been acting for sequestrators, said the delay had been sought to allow the receiver time to take charge of the union's assets and to arrange for their transfer to Britain without the appointment of a sequestrator in Luxembourg.

In Dublin, where another £2,700,000 of the union's assets are frozen in an account in the Bank of Ireland Finance, the prospect of the money being returned to Britain soon received yesterday until well into the New Year.

Mr Justice Donal Barrington in the High Court granted an application by lawyers acting for Mr Arnold for him to be joined in legal proceedings already brought by the four sequestrators for recovery of the money.

After setting time limits for the exchange of pleadings, the judge adjourned the proceedings until Jan. 14.

COUNCIL TO SUE FOR POLICE BILL

Tory-controlled Cambridge County Council Police Committee decided yesterday to sue Derbyshire County Council for nearly £900,000 owed for additional police cover during the miners' strike.

It is the first police authority in the country to take legal action against Derbyshire, which is refusing to pay for additional police protection in mining areas.

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CARBIDE'S £1.5m FOR VICTIMS

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS In New York

UNION CARBIDE is giving a total of \$1,800,000 (£1,500,000) to a fund for victims of the gas leak from the firm's plant in Bhopal, central India.

Mr Warren Anderson, company chairman, said yesterday.

Emergency funds of \$1 million (£800,000) announced on Monday—in addition to \$340,000 (£270,000) allocated by the firm's Indian subsidiary, he said.

At a news conference at the company's headquarters in Bhopal, Mr Anderson said the question of liability and compensation was "complicated," but Union Carbide was committed to a "comprehensive programme" of helping victims.

House arrest

Mr Anderson returned to America on Sunday from Bhopal, where he was placed under house arrest by Indian authorities. He said yesterday that the detention had been for his own security.

Meanwhile, a meeting of about 100 Indian-Americans from Connecticut at Bridgeport University have approved a letter to be sent to Union Carbide, demanding compensation for victims.

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FACTORY COSTS INCREASE

By Our City Staff

The cost of basic materials and fuel brought by British manufacturing industry rose by 0.9 per cent last month, making the annual rate of increase 8.9 per cent, slightly lower than in October.

Prices charged for goods leaving factories were 6 per cent higher than a year ago.

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JOCKEY DIES

By HUGH DAVIES In Peking

British jockey Brian Taylor, 46, who was seriously hurt in a fall at Shatin racecourse on Saturday, died in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Hongkong, yesterday.

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Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Anti-cyclone over N. France will move slowly E.

LONDON, S.E. CEN. S. E. N.E. ENGLAND, MIDLANDS, E. ANGLES, CHANNEL IS. S.E. SCOTLAND: Dry, sunny periods. Wind S.W. light or moderate. Max. (46F) (8C).

S.W. N.W. ENGLAND, WALES: Cloudy, some sunny spells, mainly dry. Wind S.W. or S. moderate, becoming fresh. 50F (10C).

N. IRELAND, S.W. SCOTLAND: Rain in places, some sunny spells. Wind S.W., fresh or strong. 52F (11C).

S. NORTH SEA, STRAIT OF DOVER: Wind S.W. backing S., force 1-3 or 4. Sea slight.

ENT. CH. (I.E.): Variable becoming S. 1-3 or 4. Slight.

ST. GEORGE'S CH. IRISH SEA: S. 4 becoming S. or S.E. Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

OCEAN: Dry, m'd, sunny spells, overnight fog, frost, rain later.

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Freed hostages tell of torture by skyjackers

By JOHN BULLOCH Diplomatic Staff

THE British captain of the Kuwaiti airliner held by skyjackers for six days at Tehran airport yesterday praised the Iranian security men who freed him and described as "psychotics" the terrorists who seized the plane.

As he lay in bed at the medical centre at the airport, Capt. Harry Clark, 44, spoke of the "terrifying experience I hope I never have to repeat."

He said the four men were "absolutely psychotic."

Captain Clark, with two American passengers among the final group of hostages to be held, spent days tied to seats in the Kuwaiti Airlines Airbus.

He was threatened with death by the terrorists armed with guns and grenades.

The two American passengers, who had seen two of their compatriots murdered in cold blood, were Mr John Costa and Mr Charles Kaper.

Mr Costa said he had been beaten and burnt with cigarettes as the hijackers tried to get him to say he was a member of America's Central Intelligence Agency.

'They beat me'

Mr Kaper said: "They beat me up, they hit my eyes, my head, with their sun belts. They kept hitting me on the head, on the side of the head, my ribs, on my jaw and towards my ears."

"I was getting dizzy spells after the first day and then they were using cigarettes to sort of press their point, and they were hitting me. I was always tied up."

"They wanted me to say things that were not true, that I was from the CIA. I told them I was not from the CIA and I told them if they didn't believe me, they shoot me."

Captain Clark and other released hostages were full of praise for the Iranian security men who posed as chaperons and medical staff to disarm the four skyjackers who seized the plane.

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BBC ADVERTS MOVE BY MP

By Our Political Staff

A Bill to authorise the BBC to accept advertising instead of raising its £46 T.V. licence fee is to be promoted in the Commons after Christmas by Mr Joe Ashton, Labour M.P. for Bassetlaw.

To be introduced under the ten-minute rule, it stands almost no chance of reaching the statute book, but will give Mr Ashton a chance to vote on the issue.

SHOPPING RECORD

Shoppers spent a record £5,550 million last month, 7 per cent more than in November last year, the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday.

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Britain ready to expel Durban consulate trio

By OUR DIPLOMATIC STAFF

THE three remaining anti-apartheid fugitives in the British consulate in Durban, refused to leave last night despite the sudden and surprising cancellation of detention orders against them by the South African police.

Britain will now consider evicting them unless they decide to leave of their own free will in the next few days.

Overnight their status has changed in the eyes of the British Government from that of fugitives to squatters.

A move which diplomats connected with the growing anti-apartheid campaign in the United States and the formal award in Oslo, to Bishop Desmond Tutu, the South African winner of this year's Nobel peace prize, detention orders against 14 leading opponents of apartheid.

But charges of treason were immediately made against six of them, including Mewa Ramgobin, George Sempers and M. J. Naidoo, the other three men who originally took refuge in the Durban consulate and

were arrested and detained without trial when they left.

A Durban court was told that the charges against them and three leaders of the United Democratic Front—Esop Jassat, Curtis Nkomo and Aubrey Mokoena—concern activities since 1981.

The remaining consulate fugitives, Archie Gumede, Billy Nair and Paul David, were allowed a visit yesterday by their lawyer, Dr Zac Zandvoort, after the restrictions, which have prevented him entering the building were lifted.

A London Foreign Office statement pointed out that the original decision to allow them to stay in the consulate was made after taking the "humanitarian considerations" into account.

The situation has now changed fundamentally and we expect the three to leave at once," said that statement.

Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, Mr Donald Anderson, urged the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, to reject the three until the South African government has given firm assurances that they will not be re-arrested and charged.

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STATE AID FOR 500 WELSH TEXTILE JOBS

By IAN BOYNE

LAURA ASHLEY, the clothing and fabric manufacturer, is to expand its operations in mid-Wales and North Wales instead of in Holland after receiving assurances of Government aid.

Mr John James, Laura Ashley's group managing director, said yesterday that the aid package would help to provide 500 new jobs.

£25m BOOST FOR SILICON GLEN

By **GEORGE TURNBULL**
SCOTLAND'S "silicon glen" received another boost yesterday when Hughes Microelectronics announced a £25 million expansion of its plant at Glenrothes, Fife.

It is expected to lead to the creation of more than 500 jobs. The new investment comes only a year after a previous 200-job expansion plan and will take the workforce to an estimated 1,160 by the end of the decade.

Wide range
The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Hughes Aircraft Company of California and was one of the earliest electronic companies to establish itself in the new town in 1960. It makes a wide range of specialised products including semiconductors, hybrid microcircuits, electronic systems and connectors.

Mr Iain Duffin, associate managing director at Glenrothes, said yesterday that all the money for the expansion had been raised in Scotland.

He said it demonstrated the commitment to the community and the country.

The company had planned to expand in Holland unless sufficient development aid was made available in Britain.

But Mr Edwards, Welsh Secretary, told MPs: "The various authorities in this country were able to put together a package attractive enough to persuade Laura Ashley Ltd. to undertake it in Wales."

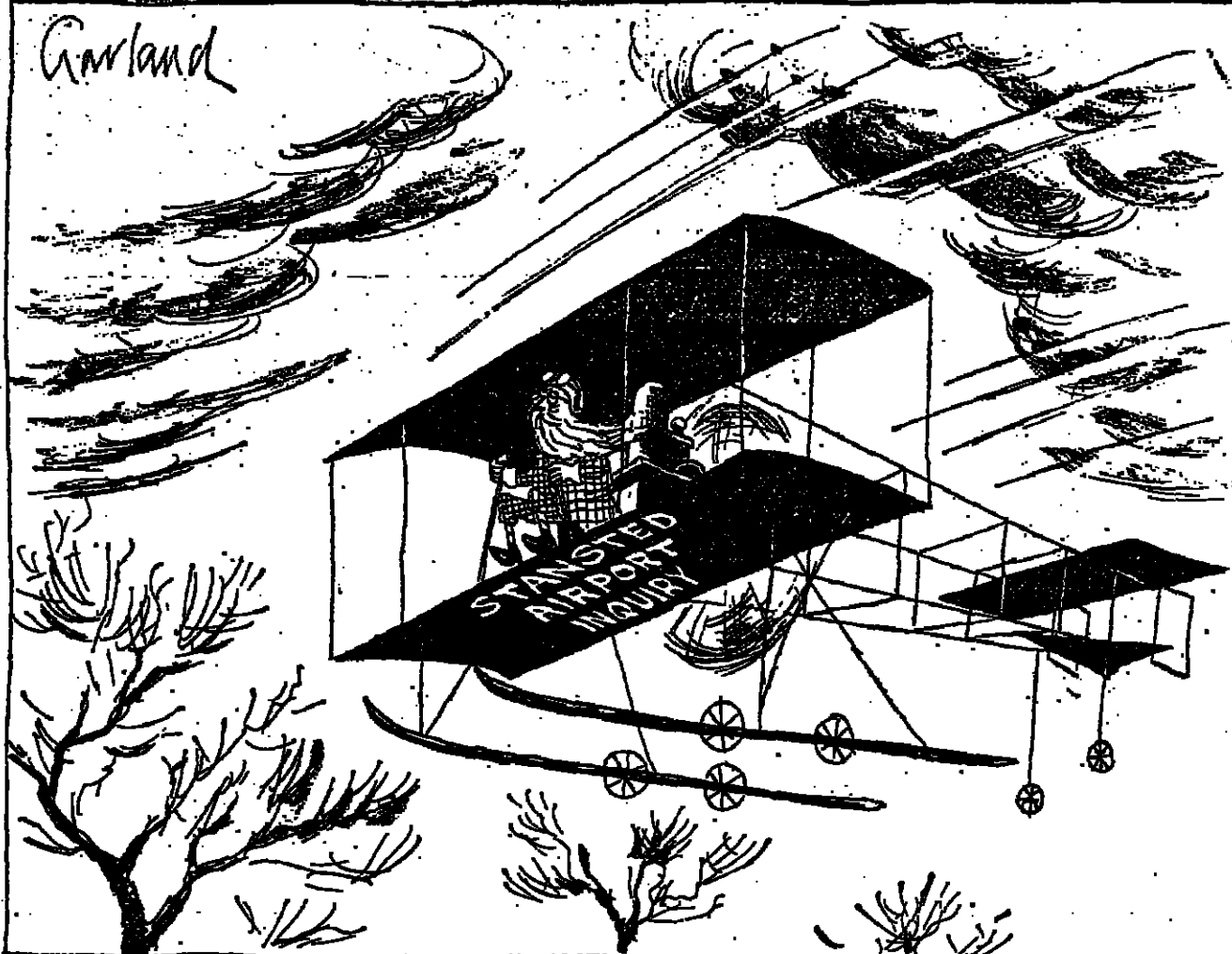
A textile finishing plant will be built at Newtown, Powys, and should be completed by late 1985. A garment making unit will be set up in either the Deeside or Wrexham areas of North Wales.

The Trade and Industry Department were responsible for putting together a £500,000 aid package for the Newtown plant. The Development Board for Rural Wales are to pay for the construction of a custom-built factory.

The aid package for the North Wales development, which is to be funded directly by the Welsh Office, will be announced early in the New Year.

Mr James denied that the firm had "blackmailed" the British authorities. "We had an offer from Holland, where we were to have a factory, which was comparable to what we have now accepted," he said.

But he added the British authorities had put out all the stops "to allow the expansion to go ahead in Wales."



"Pilot to ground control... permission to land..."

NO-STRIKE MEN FACE TGWU FINE

By **STEPHEN WARD**
Industrial Staff

AUSTIN ROVER workers who defied a strike call after it had been ruled unlawful by the High Court are now being disciplined by the transport workers' union. Under its rules, they face fines of up to £30 each for crossing picket lines.

The union branch taking the reprisal is at the big Cowley body plant in Oxford, where only a handful of members defied the strike last month.

The company-wide stoppage began on Nov. 5, following hotly disputed meetings at the 14 factories around the country. It finally crumbled three weeks later, after the 28,000 workers had huddled back to work.

The transport union representing 16,000 of the 28,000 Austin Rover workers, was the only one of the eight in the company to make the strike official. In the face of a High Court order to call it off because it had not been preceded by a secret ballot of the workers.

The union has already been fined 200,000 for contempt, for refusing to call off the strike.

Arrears threat
Under the union's rules, before members can be fined they must be notified in writing that they are being disciplined, and called to attend their union branch.

If they are fined, they can appeal to district or national level. Ultimately the money can be deducted from their union dues, so they are deemed to be in arrears, and can be expelled from the union.

Austin Rover does not have a closed shop, so losing union membership would not automatically mean workers losing their jobs, although colleagues could refuse to work with them.

An Austin Rover spokesman said last night that the disciplinary proceedings are "another example of shop stewards being unable to recognise democracy and the right of every individual to go to work."

£2,000 BRIGHT IDEA

Jeffrey Neville, a Rolls-Royce worker in Bristol, has been awarded the company's maximum £2,000 award for his idea to improve polishing and inspection of aero-engine blades.

A Christmas turkey for strike families

By **BRENDA PARRY** at Easington

DESPITE the gloom that hangs over the Durham mining community, nothing will prevent them from celebrating Christmas "with dignity." Support groups in the area have already raised £45,000 for turkeys.

The organiser, Miss Anne Suddick, confidently expects that the necessary £70,000 will be at hand in time to see that every miner in Durham and Northumberland gets a turkey for Christmas.

The families however are very proud-accepting gifts is not easy for them, and neither has it been easy for them to lean heavily on their families. Nevertheless, grandparents on pensions have proved to be the financial backbone for many families.

One grocer at Easington, the biggest of the Durham coalfields, said that mothers actually came into the shop and handed over money to be used towards their daughters' grocery bills.

Some families have been kept going by the Durham Coalfield's electricity bills, while relatives in other industries will drive for miles with food parcels and gifts of clothing.

Top of the list
Gifts of knitting wool have been gladly accepted, mothers knitted jumpers for their children using the remainder for dolls' clothing for Christmas presents. Secondhand clothing for growing children has become commonplace, and new clothes are on the top of many a Christmas list.

While no child will go without toys this Christmas, many will be secondhand and if new will be gifts from grandparents or other relatives. As Mrs Marilyn Johnson, 38, put it: "We are coping, just."

She is lucky in that she lives in a colliery house with a very low rent, but after an allowance for that rent the family income is £18 from Mrs Johnson's part-time job, £13.70 family allowance for the two children and £5.65 social security.

"It all goes on the table and on keeping the house clean. Normally I would spend around £50 on my Christmas shopping, and more at this time of the year. We get terribly depressed."

"We will spend Christmas with a cousin. Nothing will stop us having a happy family gathering."

"The best Christmas present this community could have would be an announcement of

'SCAB' CHANT AS PIT TEAM PLAY POLICE

By **ROLAND CRIBBEN** Business Correspondent

TEMPERS flared when a police football team fielded a working miner against a pit village side.

Spectators yelled abuse at the police and chanted "scab" at the working miner throughout the game between Low Valley and South Yorkshire Police.

Shortly after half-time a Low Valley player was sent off for allegedly butting a police player.

The abuse from 50 spectators increased and within minutes the match was abandoned when the police team walked off in fear of their own safety.

The Barnsley Sunday League fixture was played on Low Valley's ground near Darfield Main Colliery, Barnsley, where the working miner crosses N.U.M. picket lines every day.

Clean game

Mr Wayne Lingard, Low Valley F.C. secretary, yesterday accused the police of provoking crowd trouble which led to the match being called off. He said: "It was like a red flag to a bull. Our pitch is in the shadow of Darfield Main where this lad is going in."

"It was a clean game. There was no trouble but there were quite a crowd and they were fighting to get at the working miner. Then the police walked off saying they were not happy with what was happening."

Mr John Darby, South Yorkshire F.C. Secretary, said his team left the field because of intimidation from the spectators.

"It just got worse and worse and in the end I decided that the best thing to do was to walk off. A working miner plays for us as his brother is in the force. We never thought it would cause any trouble."

Now both clubs will have to wait for an inquiry by league officials into the match which finished with Low Valley 2-2 ahead.

SEAMEN'S PAY DEAL

Britain's merchant seamen have voted by 4,315 to 2,462 to accept pay increases of between 8.2 and 8.6 per cent from Jan. 2. The deal will lift the basic pay of an able seaman (seaman 1A) from £82 to £87 a week and, because of improvements in overtime arrangements, increase average earnings for a foreign-going able seaman from £102.20 to £114.65 for a 67-hour week.

COMEDIAN'S AID

Billy Connolly, the Scottish comedian, is planning to give two concerts in Fife in aid of the miners' relief fund, and hopes to raise more than £5,000. Most of the proceeds are expected to go towards Christmas presents for miners' children.

ATTACK ON CAR

An attack on a car owned by a working miner at Manton Colliery, Worsnop, Notts, was being investigated by the police yesterday. The roof and doors were badly dented, headlights and side lights smashed, and the word "Scab" scratched on the boot.

Kinnoack accuses Conservatives of exploiting Tebbit agony

By **JAMES ALLAN**

THE Conservatives were accused yesterday by Mr Kinnoack, Opposition leader, of exploiting the Brighton bombing and "the agony" of Mr Norman Tebbit, who was seriously injured in the explosion, to try to win votes in Thursday's by-election in Southgate, North London.

The Labour leader was referring to a letter written by Mr Tebbit, Trade & Industry Secretary, to Mr Michael Portillo, 31, the Conservative candidate selected to fight the by-election caused by the death of Sir Anthony Berry in the Brighton bombing.

Expressing support for Mr Portillo, Mr Tebbit comments: "It is important that the people of Southgate should now show their response to terrorist violence by a clear decisive vote next Thursday."

The TRA explosion at the Grand Hotel also overshadowed the campaign yesterday, in which Mr Portillo, 32, Labour candidate, complained the Tories were trying to win sympathy votes by constantly referring in their election literature to Sir Anthony, Southgate's Conservative M.P. for 20 years.

With both Lord Whitelaw, speaking in the constituency, and Mr Kinnoack uniting to condemn the Liberals for what they described as gimmicky and trickery in election literature, the campaign at last came alive.

The letter at the centre of the row was written by Mr Tebbit from his sick bed at Stoke Mandeville Hospital where his seriously-injured wife is also detained.

Success wish
He wrote that he had hoped to come to Southgate to support Mr Portillo. "However, my injuries from the Brighton bomb are not yet quite healed, so I am simply writing to wish you every success."

During a question-and-answer session with Southgate pensioners, Mr Kinnoack commented: "I am rather surprised at the dubious way in which the agony of Norman Tebbit and the sincerity of Brighton is clearly being used in the last few days of the by-election campaign to try to stimulate votes for the Conservative candidate."

He added: "I discharge Mr Tebbit from any blame or charge of dubiousness. I think he was probably put into a position where he had no alternative but to send this sort of message."

Lord Whitelaw attacked the Liberals for publishing a four-page newspaper entitled "Enfield and Southgate Courier."

It was distributed to all voters and is clearly a Liberal publicity gimmick praising the party's candidate, Mr Timothy Slack, 56, and decrying his opponents.

Lord Whitelaw said: "For sheer distortion, I have never seen such a thing. As it purports to be a local news paper, it is most extraordinary."

News Round-up

Pit strike plunges British Steel into £245m loss

By **ROLAND CRIBBEN** Business Correspondent

EXTRA costs because of the miners' strike and heavy provisions for an iron ore business in Canada plunged British Steel into a £245 million loss in the six months to Sept. 29.

The strike cost the State corporation £95 million, wiping out a trading profit of £27 million.

It produced a deficit after interest payments of £98 million against £73 million for the same period a year earlier.

Mr Robert Haslam, chairman, said that but for the strike and the extra costs involved in maintaining production the corporation would have been ahead of the Government's target of breaking even before interest in the current tax year.

The problems in Canada meant British Steel had to make a provision of £103 million to cover its share of the posts involved in ending uneconomic operations.

British Steel has a 41.7 per cent interest in the company, Sidbec-Normines and has been anxious to nasmumble a costly eight-year-old joint venture.

Police photo caught miner

Stuart Stephenson, 21, a miner of Seventh Street, Horden, Co. Durham, who was identified from a police photograph of a mob overturning a car at Essington Colliery, Co. Durham, was jailed for four months at Teesside Crown Court, for causing it £3,000 damage. He pleaded guilty.

Stephenson was angry because police had smuggled a miner into the colliery, said Mr Vera Baird, defending. "He is a young man who lost his head in a crowd."

Kidnap charge

A file has been sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions 18 months after normal working miners accused of kidnaping two miners who were on their way to work.

John Schofield, 34, of St Helens is also accused of assaulting Charles Simmonds and Robert Roby and imprisoning them against their will.

Strikers jailed

Three striking miners were jailed for 60 days at Chesterfield for storming three coal lorries and National Coal Board bus taking miners to work. Three younger strikers were sent to a detention centre for a similar period for the attacks.

Talks ruled out

Mr Michael Eaton, Coal Board spokesman, said that he could see no chance of new talks with the miners' union before Christmas. The N.C.B. could not return to the negotiating table until the N.U.M. gives way on its demand for no closures of uneconomic pits.

Policemen hurt

Seven policemen were hurt on Kent miners' picket lines yesterday. There were also seven arrests outside Betteshanger Colliery, where 120 pickets tried to stop the 34 men who went to work.

Production up

Coal production in the N.C.B. Western area is increasing as more striking miners return to work. The average attendance is now 11,000 representing 78 per cent on a normal daily turnout.

Council to sue

The Conservative-controlled Cambridgeshire County Council has decided to sue the Derbyshire County Council for nearly £900,000 owed for additional police cover during the miners' strike.

FIRE TEAM ESCORTED INTO MINE

By **JAMES O'BRIEN**

A POLICE escort has been given to a six-man miners rescue team fighting a serious underground fire at Rosington Colliery, near Doncaster, South Yorkshire, where 27 other N.U.M. members are combatting the blaze in "hellish" conditions.

Officials of the N.U.M. branch at the pit have refused to allow striking members underground unless the National Coal Board sends home miners already working at the colliery.

The mines rescue team were stopped going through the pit gates by a small number of pickets. They went to Rosington police station and made a complaint, saying that the future of the pit was threatened.

They were later escorted past the pickets and into the pit which employs 1,500 men. It is a long-life colliery producing one million tons a year.

The working miners and safety men are fighting the fire throughout the normal 24-hour shift cycle. They are coming to the surface at the end of their shifts exhausted. They are working against intense heat, smoke and dust.

'Hellish' conditions

Mr Albert Take, N.C.B. Doncaster area director of 10 pits including Rosington, described the conditions underground as "hellish."

The area management has not yet taken a decision to seal off the affected zone. If the area is sealed it would take another 18 months after normal working has resumed to reopen a new face.

About 150 men are required to fight the fire and those trying to save the workings are undermanned. Members of the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shovelmen have refused to cross N.U.M. picket lines at the pit.

The N.U.M. branch at Rosington is insisting that working miners should be removed from the pit, police cover withdrawn from the gates and no denoties allowed underground before the striking N.U.M. members would be allowed to help against the threat of the fire spreading.

The union also demands that those N.U.M. members dismissed by the Board during the dispute should be reinstated.

Since the strike started the Doncaster area has lost nine of its 40 faces and three more are in various conditions at other collieries.

A total of 2,878 men were working in the Yorkshire coalfield yesterday, an increase of 43 on the previous three shifts and ten more than last Monday.

STUDENT UNION GIVES £1,000

By **OUR EDUCATION STAFF**

The National Union of Students has backed away from advocating violence on miners' picket lines. Illegal student action and the use of student union funds to help striking miners, Mrs Betty Heathfield, wife of the general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, asked the students' conference in Blackpool to give "practical help" for miners and their families.

The students agreed to condemn picket line violence and settled for giving £1,000-worth of food and toys to striking miners' families at Treaton Colliery, Rotherham.

Motor cycle firm lands £5m Army order

ARMSTRONG Competition Motor Cycles, a small British company, has beaten off Japanese and European competition to land an Army motor-cycle contract valued at about £5 million.

FOOTBALLER FIDDLER INSURANCE

Gary Owen, the West Bromwich Albion footballer, was fined £1,000 yesterday after admitting deceiving an insurance company out of £2,000. He made an inflated claim to the company after a burglary last July at his home, magistrates in Stafford were told.

Owen, 26, said a ring, two sets of golf clubs and two pictures had been stolen in the raid on his home at Acton Trussell, near Stafford, but a check by police on the list of stolen goods given to them and the list for the Royal Insurance Company uncovered the offence, said Mr Michael Durrell, prosecuting.

Mr Michael Watt, defending, said Owen had been advised by friends to inflate his £28,000 claim after the burglary because it was unlikely the insurance company would have met the claim in full. Mr Watt said it was likely Owen would lose all the £28,000 of his claim.

VIP escorts

The firm is to provide about 2,000 general purpose military machines. Deliveries at the rates of 200 a month are to start in April.

MURDER CHARGE

Andrew Pike, 39, an unemployed builder, of East Woodstead, Dorset, was remanded in custody until Dec. 19 at Weymouth, Dorset, yesterday accused of murdering Mark Symes, 25.

Southgate by-election

Kinnoack accuses Conservatives of exploiting Tebbit agony

By **JAMES ALLAN**

THE Conservatives were accused yesterday by Mr Kinnoack, Opposition leader, of exploiting the Brighton bombing and "the agony" of Mr Norman Tebbit, who was seriously injured in the explosion, to try to win votes in Thursday's by-election in Southgate, North London.

The Labour leader was referring to a letter written by Mr Tebbit, Trade & Industry Secretary, to Mr Michael Portillo, 31, the Conservative candidate selected to fight the by-election caused by the death of Sir Anthony Berry in the Brighton bombing.

Expressing support for Mr Portillo, Mr Tebbit comments: "It is important that the people of Southgate should now show their response to terrorist violence by a clear decisive vote next Thursday."

The TRA explosion at the Grand Hotel also overshadowed the campaign yesterday, in which Mr Portillo, 32, Labour candidate, complained the Tories were trying to win sympathy votes by constantly referring in their election literature to Sir Anthony, Southgate's Conservative M.P. for 20 years.

With both Lord Whitelaw, speaking in the constituency, and Mr Kinnoack uniting to condemn the Liberals for what they described as gimmicky and trickery in election literature, the campaign at last came alive.

The letter at the centre of the row was written by Mr Tebbit from his sick bed at Stoke Mandeville Hospital where his seriously-injured wife is also detained.

Success wish
He wrote that he had hoped to come to Southgate to support Mr Portillo. "However, my injuries from the Brighton bomb are not yet quite healed, so I am simply writing to wish you every success."

During a question-and-answer session with Southgate pensioners, Mr Kinnoack commented: "I am rather surprised at the dubious way in which the agony of Norman Tebbit and the sincerity of Brighton is clearly being used in the last few days of the by-election campaign to try to stimulate votes for the Conservative candidate."

He added: "I discharge Mr Tebbit from any blame or charge of dubiousness. I think he was probably put into a position where he had no alternative but to send this sort of message."

Lord Whitelaw attacked the Liberals for publishing a four-page newspaper entitled "Enfield and Southgate Courier."

It was distributed to all voters and is clearly a Liberal publicity gimmick praising the party's candidate, Mr Timothy Slack, 56, and decrying his opponents.

Lord Whitelaw said: "For sheer distortion, I have never seen such a thing. As it purports to be a local news paper, it is most extraordinary."

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TEACHER WAS A DRUG PUSHER, BOYS TELL JURY

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

A 39-YEAR-OLD Inner London Education Authority supply teacher was a drug pusher for 18 months, selling cocaine, LSD and cannabis to teenagers, it was alleged yesterday at the opening of his trial.

RICHARD CATHERWOOD charged up to £25 for a quarter of an ounce of cannabis and between £16 and £25 for a quarter of an ounce of LSD, the jury at Inner London Crown Court was told by Mr DAVID BATE, prosecuting.

But in June a youth called SHANE BRADY, who bought LSD from Catherwood, gave him a purple heart from him, gave some to 16-year-old LEE SAWYER, Mr Bate claimed.

Next day Sawyer jumped to his death from the balcony of a high-rise flat after taking LSD.

A teenager who had been with Brady went to police, and when detectives asked Catherwood if he knew about the death, Mr Bate said he told them:

"I heard about that this morning. I can swear to you I did not supply him with any acid."

Then, Mr Bate said, the police pointed out that they had not mentioned LSD.

Catherwood, of Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich, denies seven charges including supplying and offering to supply LSD, cocaine and cannabis, and possessing controlled drugs with intent to supply.

'Like bees to honey'

Mr Bate told the jury—with the agreement of the defence—that Catherwood had admitted three charges of supplying cannabis and unlawfully possessing cannabis.

Mr Bate said that between January 1983 and this June Catherwood sold drugs from his home, and "drug abusers and others were attracted to these premises like bees to honey."

After Lee Sawyer's death with a search warrant raided the bed-sitter after arresting two youths as they came out with cannabis.

Mr Bate said Catherwood produced from his jeans a plastic bag containing cannabis mixed with what looked like porridge oats.

Police found a bag on the floor containing £20 and more cannabis. They also found 19 purple heart labels containing LSD, a bubble-bubble pipe, and inside the underpants of another man in the house, THOMAS PENMAN—a clear plastic bag containing 6.68 grams of cannabis resin.

'A living by pushing'

Asked by police if he sold drugs, Catherwood replied: "No, not really," and claimed the cannabis and LSD were for his personal use, said Mr Bate.

The teacher allegedly added: "If I lose my job you will force me on to the streets to make a living."

Asked what he meant, he was

said to have replied: "I can always make a living selling drugs as a pusher."

Mr Bate said: "It is not alleged that he sold purple hearts to Lee Sawyer direct, but that he sold and supplied them to another boy or boys who then in turn gave them to Lee Sawyer before he met his death."

GARY WOODMAN, 17, an ex-pupil of Peckham Manor School, where Catherwood taught, told the court he bought cannabis, LSD and cocaine from him.

"We had wanted to get acid before but hadn't been able to get it. We got it once but it wasn't until we met Dick—Mr Catherwood. He was a regular supplier."

The teenager said at first he bought cannabis once a week, but later every other day. He bought LSD "once or twice a week—it depended on what money I had and what I felt like."

Catherwood told him he had cocaine to sell.

"He was a regular user of it."

More the merrier

He told of drug-taking sessions at Catherwood's home, usually with four or five people present, sometimes they would take acid and LSD and "there was always a joint going between them."

Asked by Mr Bate whether Catherwood had discouraged him from taking drugs in his house, he said:

"He didn't mind. The more the merrier. It is the way with people who take drugs—the more stoned you can get, the better."

JASON CLARKE, 19, said he bought small amounts of hashish at Catherwood's home.

Other youngsters arrived to buy drugs, he claimed. "Mostly they were schoolchildren of people on training courses, aged 17, 18 or 19. He was selling whatever people wanted."

The hearing was adjourned until today.

GLUE SELLER TO MINORS JAILED

A Glasgow shopkeeper who sold glue to children was jailed for 18 months yesterday and a judge said: "If there are further such cases before this court the sentence will be much more severe."

Ghulam Rasool, 44, was convicted of selling glue to minors at his shop in St Vincent Street, Finnieston. The High Court in Glasgow heard that he ignored police warnings.

He was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

His wife led a very different life from him. She was waiting for a divorce and once changed the locks when he was out of the house.

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His plea of not guilty to murder was accepted and he admitted manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility.

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After the sentence, Mrs Haval waited to confront her father in the cells. She denied she and her mother had led him a terrible life.

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Outburst as killer gets six years

By IAN HENRY

Old Bailey Correspondent

A DAUGHTER who watched her mother, knifed to death by her father made a public protest yesterday after he was jailed for six years at the Old Bailey.

Mrs ELLI HAVAL, 20, a bride of just two weeks at the time of the killing in April, shouted: "It's not enough, he killed my mummy. He should have been sent to prison for 25 years."

STAVROS KYRIAKOU, 42, of Brimwood Road, Clingford, had stabbed his beautiful wife, Tonia, 39, to death out of "contempt" for her and their 20-year-old daughter, the court was told.

'Years of distress'

Mr VICTOR DIRAK, Q.C., defending, said Kyriakou, a quiet hard-working hairdresser, had suffered "years of distress" from his wife and daughter.

He worked from eight in the morning until late evening but they said it was not enough. He was attacked by his wife and

forced to sleep in the box room "in fear of attack," said Mr Durand.

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Motor cycle bandits trapped by camera

A GANG of armed motor cycle bandits who staged lightning robberies on petrol stations, building societies and stores were jailed yesterday at the Old Bailey.

They used two shotguns and a blank-firing pistol to seize thousands of pounds from terrified staff.

But they were trapped by a security camera when the gang boss, ALAN KADIR, 24, and Umar Mesut, 25, were captured on film during a £2,500 building society raid.

Each wore a crash helmet, and they roared off on a motor cycle, firing pistol shots.

Dawn swoop

But police were able to identify them, and armed detectives made a dawn swoop on Kadir's flat in Clifton Road, Hackney, where hidden under the bed were the two dismantled shotguns, ammunition and the pistol.

KADIR was jailed for eight years and Mesut, who shared the same address, for six years. CHRISTOPHER O'RURDON, 23,

of Copplestone Road, Peckham, got three years with a £800 compensation order, and GURCHAI, 20, of Southamptan Way, Peckham, received one year's custody.

Kadir admitted 10 offences, Mesut six. O'Rurdon three, and Ali one, involving more than £5,000 in East London.

CHINESE GIRL CAN STAY

Miss Jenny Fu, 27, a Chinese girl who came to Britain from Hongkong as a student in 1975 and stayed on after getting an accountant's job in Camberne, Cornwall, learned yesterday that she is to be allowed to stay and will not be deported.

Miss Fu, whose Chinese name of Saulan means Orchid, told an immigration appeals tribunal in Southampton last week that she felt so much part of the Cornish community that on the only occasion she returned to Hongkong "I was like a tourist."

More than 2,000 local people signed a petition calling on the Home Office to allow her to stay.

Car crash mother shot by policeman

By IAN BALL in New York

A VETERAN New York police sergeant was charged yesterday with the shooting death of a 33-year-old mother of three in a dispute over a minor traffic accident.

Mrs Sharon Walker, a therapist at a psychiatric centre, was shot twice in the back as she fled from the sergeant after their cars had collided at about 1.30 a.m.

Set Rudolph Hays, 56, who joined the force 33 years ago, was driving home from a Christmas party when the accident occurred.

"He pulled her out of the car and started punching her," said a police statement. "A passer-by intervened for her behalf and then all of a sudden Hays whipped out a gun."

Ankle holster

The sergeant, who was off-duty, was carrying his service 38-calibre revolver in an ankle holster, a common practice among New York police who are required to carry their revolvers even while out of uniform.

Mrs Walker, a black woman with children ranging in age from 17 to 12, died an hour later at a local hospital.

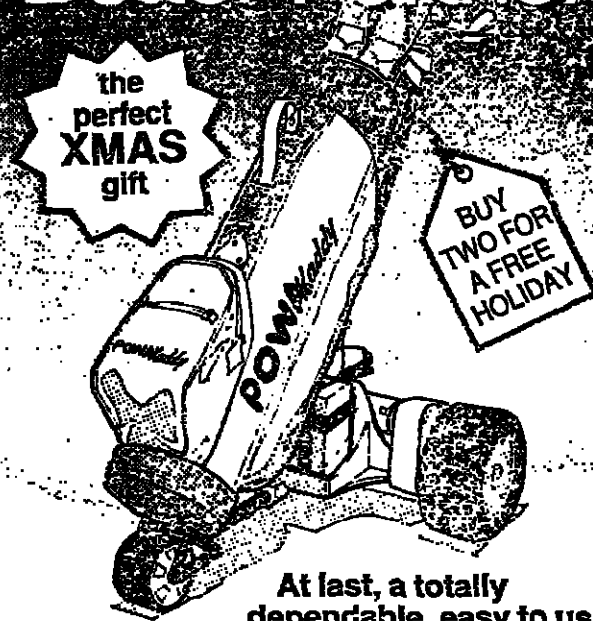
The sergeant, meanwhile, drove home and was arrested 17 hours later.

DRUGS DEALER SMOKED PROFITS

An unemployed man who allowed his house to be used for drug parties, was jailed for two years yesterday for growing and supplying cannabis resin. Ian Hensworth sold up to £300 worth of resin a week, and kept account books for his dealings written in coded Arabic script.

Hensworth, of Hester Street, Northampton, who pleaded guilty at Northampton Crown Court to two charges of supplying cannabis, and cultivating the drug, made little profit from the operation because he smoked away the profits himself.

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HOWE CALLS FOR BETTER LINKS WITH EAST BLOC

By MICHAEL FARR in West Berlin

SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, Foreign Secretary, yesterday expressed Britain's determination to work for better relations with the East bloc after his first visit to the Berlin Wall.

Coming away from the grey, graffiti-covered wall, Sir Geoffrey called it "a monument of folly, of tyranny." It underlined, he said, "just how formidable the obstacles are."

Calling for closer co-operation and better understanding, Sir Geoffrey added: "We are determined to go on working for better relations with the East."

He will have a chance to put his words into practice when Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Kremlin No. 2, visits London at the end of this week. Next month Mr Shultz, the American Secretary of State, and Mr Gromyko, his Soviet counterpart, are due to meet in Geneva for talks.

In the shadow of the Wall and under the scrutiny of East German border guards, Sir Geoffrey descended a viewing platform on the Potsdamer Platz, the former centre of Berlin, and said: "This is no reason for not trying. We are going to go on trying."

Peace and security
"I don't think that the chances of restoring peace and security can be allowed to rest on arms control alone. We must be trying to broaden the basis of discussions, of our understanding."

But Sir Geoffrey, who is expected to make a pioneering visit to East Berlin early next year, added: "There is a long way to go."

As darkness fell and driving rain, Sir Geoffrey had minutes before laid a bunch of white chrysanthemums at the crosses near the Reichstag building which commemorates the more than 70 East Germans killed trying to cross the wall since it was built 23 years ago. At a Press dinner last night in West Berlin Sir Geoffrey

Capitalism 'faces moral crisis'

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

WESTERN capitalism is undergoing a moral as well as an economic crisis, the Kremlin No. 2 Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, 53, who begins a week's visit to Britain on Saturday, told a Moscow conference on ideology yesterday.

"It is not us but capitalism which has to manoeuvre and camouflage itself, to have recourse to wars and terrorism, to falsification and subversion in order to withstand the inexorable onset of the times," Mr Gorbachev said, according to Tass news agency.

"The general crisis of capitalism stands not only for an aggravation of its economic, social and political differences, it is also a spiritual, ideological and moral crisis."

At the same time the ideological activities of the monopoly bourgeoisie has sharply increased in recent years. The adversary has created a huge propaganda machinery for ideological confrontation, uses the most sophisticated technology, subversive and psychological methods.

Psychological warfare
"In its intensity, contents and methods, the psychological warfare which is now being waged by imperialism is a special type of aggression flouting the sovereignty of other countries."

Mr Gorbachev called for "political vigilance and inconvertibility to the views that are alien to us." Soviet ideology should assert "true freedom and democracy" as practiced under communism.

Some Western analysts view Mr Gorbachev as a potential reformer of the Soviet economic system, although evidence for his real thinking on major issues is scarce enough. He will lead a delegation to Britain on a parliamentary exchange.

3 JAILED FOR LIFE
A military court in Ankara yesterday sentenced three people to life imprisonment for smuggling about four tons of morphine and heroin from Turkey into Italy between 1978 and 1981. The Turkish state radio said that 75 people were being tried in Milan on similar charges. — Reuters.



Demonstrators in prison garb and wearing chains holding a vigil yesterday outside the United States Embassy in Tel Aviv where they called on embassies of countries which signed the 1974 Helsinki human rights agreement in a protest against Soviet restriction on Jewish emigration to Israel.

Expulsion for Jesuit

By LESLIE CHILDE in Rome

THE Jesuits have expelled one of the four controversial priests serving as Ministers in Nicaragua's Left-wing government, his superiors at the Vatican announced yesterday.

But Father Fernando Cardenal, Education Minister in the Sandinista regime, remains a priest. The expulsion is the latest development in the Vatican crusade against "liberation theology" which is picking up momentum throughout Latin America. The Pope himself has

KGB HALTS RIGHTS INTERVIEW

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

AN attempted interview between Western newsmen and Jewish activists on a Moscow pavement was broken up by KGB men yesterday.

The activists had presented a petition on behalf of Jewish prisoners in Soviet labour camps. The five men and two women timed this to coincide with the United Nations Day of Human Rights.

"It's Human Rights Day," one of the group shouted in protest as about 15 plainclothes security men started pushing and showing about six Western reporters and two television crews trying to conduct interviews.

Snatches of conversation were possible in the street, but the KGB men surrounded the television crews to prevent on-camera interviews.

Obscene gesture
Several of the newsmen were almost knocked off the pavement into Prospekt Marx, opposite the Kremlin. When I asked one of the men to identify himself he responded with an obscene gesture.

The group of petitioners and accompanying reporters were followed by a phalanx of agents as they descended to an underground railway station.

Earlier they handed in a paper with 55 signatures to the reception office of the Presidency of the Supreme Soviet, or parliament.

The petition called for a commission of inquiry to investigate "the increase in arrests and extra-judicial persecution of people applying to emigrate to Israel."

Jewish emigration from Russia is running at a record low level of about 10 departures a month, compared with a peak of 51,000 in 1979, in the heyday of détente.

Health undermined
The petition alleged systematic bringing of criminal cases based on groundless charges against Jews wanting to go to Israel. "In places of preliminary and long-term imprisonment," it said, "Jewish prisoners are constantly subjected to punishment that undermines their health and insult their human dignity."

The activists involved in yesterday's fracas said that officials accepted their petition but made obvious their disapproval and gave no word as to what they would do with the petition.

Police last night led away about 10 people who stood bareheaded in Pushkin Square, central Moscow, as a sign of silent protest against Soviet human rights abuses.

The square was the scene of important dissident gatherings 15 years ago, and dwindling numbers of people have continued to assemble there on Human Rights Day over recent years.

NEW CALEDONIA FARMER ON DEATH CHARGE

By Our Singapore Correspondent

The French colonial authorities in New Caledonia yesterday arrested a Loyalist resident on murder charges linked to the deaths of 10 Melanesian islanders killed in an ambush laid by anti-independence settlers last week.

A mixed race farmer, Maurice Mitridé, 50, was arraigned after security forces flushed him out of a mountain hideout.

Although there were outward signs of militant islanders relaxing their pressure against the government, the rebels insisted they had no intention of relinquishing the control they had established over the outlying areas.

POLISH CHURCH WILL 'FIGHT' ON ITS KNEES

By Our Diplomatic Staff

Poland's Roman Catholic Church told the Government yesterday it would "fight on its knees" in support of 400 students on strike over the removal of crucifixes from their classrooms.

"The Polish Church will struggle on its knees until it achieves success in replacing the crucifixes removed from public places," Archbishop Bronislaw Dabrowski said in a letter.

He said school students staging a "sit-in" at Wlozczowa, 130 miles south of Warsaw, had a right to crucifixes in their classes.

LAST LAUGH ON TRANSVESTITE

By Our New York Staff

A woman at Alton, Illinois, whose marriage ended when her husband became a transvestite, had the "last laugh" by leaving him no money, but all her dresses, when she died. She left \$68,000 to the rest of her family.

Her lawyer, Mr Edward Moorman, said yesterday: "It was a factious fight. Her husband liked to dress up in women's clothing, and she wasn't too happy about that. It was a last laugh by her."

ROLLS IN HONGKONG

Roll-Royce is to open a new office in Hongkong next April "to take full advantage of the immense marketing opportunities being opened up" in China.

'Frequent failures' of U.S. intelligence agencies listed

By IAN BALL in New York

AN account of failures by lavishly funded agencies making up the American intelligence community was published yesterday in FOREIGN POLICY, a quarterly.

It makes a grim inventory.

The author is Allan Goodman, who observed what he describes as America's "intelligence mess" while serving in several senior CIA posts from 1975 to 1980, among them that of White House briefing coordinator.

Now Associate Dean of the School of Foreign Service Georgetown University, Washington, he claims that even with "targets of highest priority"—Soviet behaviour and capabilities—the CIA and its sister intelligence agencies have frequently been woefully off the mark. He writes:

United States intelligence erred, for example, about the Soviet threat to American U-2 reconnaissance flights in 1960.

It failed to predict Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's deployment of offensive missiles in Cuba in 1962; the successors to Khrushchev, Leonid Brezhnev, and Yuri Andropov; the level of Soviet defence spending; and Soviet industry's ability to design and produce a nuclear arsenal of 1,000 missiles with accuracies comparable to America's in five years.

The intelligence community also bungled the question of the origins and intentions of the Soviet combat brigade "discovered" in Cuba in 1979.

Such misjudgments have all been extremely costly to United States security. Some of these failures led to major crises, like the Cuban missile crisis.

Others, such as the under-estimate of the Soviet nuclear build-up, led to complacency

about America's own arsenal and the need to modernise it. Failures by American intelligence to predict events are said by Mr Goodman to include the North Korean attack on South Korea in 1950. His "list" continues:

The risks to the American vessel Liberty if she continued surveillance during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, and the Pueblo of surveillance activities near North Korean waters in 1968.

The 1975 Arab-Israeli war, the Argentine seizure of the Falklands, and the subsequent British sinking of the Argentine cruiser Belgrano.

Oil upheaval

Mr Goodman contends that American intelligence failed to predict the upheaval that led to the creation of Opec and failed to forewarn Washington either of the overthrow of King Idris of Libya in 1969 by Col. Gaddafi or of ouster of the Shah of Iran and his replacement by Ayatollah Khomeini.

Two events in October, 1983—the bombing of the American Marine barracks in Beirut and the American-led invasion of Grenada—could hardly be seen as reflecting favourably on the CIA. Mr Goodman says:

What of successes to show for the estimated \$12 billion (\$9.9 billion) the United States spends each year on the CIA and the super-secret National Security Agency?

Since the White House has not permitted the release of an unclassified version of the CIA annual report, the number of successes is not known," Mr Goodman writes.

He also says that the findings of the inquiry into the seizure of the American Embassy in Teheran "were so embarrassing that no more than a dozen persons were permitted to see the report by the end of the Carter Administration."

EEC gets tough over British ban on milk

By GODFREY BROWN Agriculture Correspondent in Brussels

THE Common Market Commission in Brussels, which last year forced Britain to let in imports of ultra-heat-treated (long-life) milk, is getting tough over Britain's ban on imports of fresh pasteurised milk.

The Commission has taken the first step that could lead to Britain being arraigned before the European Court of Justice.

As one of its last acts before the Commission is replaced by a new team next year, it has sent the British Government a note giving the Commission's reasoned opinion that the ban on fresh pasteurised milk imports is against EEC rules.

"It is a formal decision by the Commission that there is a prima facie breach by Britain of the rules of the Common Market," a spokesman in Brussels said last night. "It is not bound to lead to the case coming before the court, but it could do," the sources added.

Health grounds
"It is a necessary preliminary provided by the Common Market Treaty for infringements. Certain of the cases come before the court. In some of them the member State concedes before it goes to court, and in some the member State manages to convince the Commission that nothing is wrong."

The commission is attacking the absolute ban that Britain imposes on imports of fresh pasteurised milk, imposed on health grounds.

"An absolute prohibition of a product like pasteurised milk, which is drunk all over the rest of the member states without a high degree of sickness amongst the population," it says, "is not acceptable," the sources said.

Paradoxically, the absolute ban on imports of fresh pasteurised milk is the result of the legislation adopted by Britain last year to comply to a European Court ruling in Feb. 1983 that the effective ban on long-life imports was illegal and had to be lifted.

Previously, it was theoretically possible to import milk, provided it was heat-treated again, and packed or bottled again, in a British milk processing plant that came under the jurisdiction of a British local authority.

BUDGET DEMAND
Costs scrutiny

ALAN OSBORN, Common Market Correspondent, writes: Common Market Finance Ministers yesterday signalled a tough approach to the EEC budget by demanding the first look at a package of long-term proposals for farm spending.

Agriculture Ministers of the Ten were yesterday due to examine a five-year programme for farm structures involving money for farm improvements, product diversification and modernisation. But the Finance Ministers insisted that the costs should be examined first by the national treasuries. Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor, gave strong backing to the move.

ETHIOPIAN FAMINE AID INCREASES

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Addis Ababa

ONE of the two RAF Hercules engaged in the Ethiopian famine relief was damaged and grounded by a mid-air collision with a bird yesterday as new figures on emergency food aid showed an increasing flow to Ethiopia from the United States and other countries.

The Hercules hit a bird with the leading edge of the starboard wing on its return flight to Addis Ababa after ferrying 18 tons of Russian rice to Asmara, in the north.

The other Hercules continued the shuttle of wheat from newly-arrived shipments to the Red Sea port of Assab to Axum and Makale, in the drought-stricken Tigre province. Today it is due to fly food supplies to Alamata and Makale, including part of a new aid shipment from London.

Figures issued yesterday by the Addis Ababa office of Mr Kurt Jansson, United Nations assistant secretary-general for emergency relief operations in Ethiopia, showed a total of 101,870 tons of food aid to Ethiopia this year.

The biggest tonnage is from the European Community (28,000), followed by Australia (28,200), the United States (19,370), Canada (8,553), West Germany (6,967), Britain (6,500) and Finland (48).

The figures for shipments due next month show a 3.6 per cent increase to 135,073 tons, comprising 115,582 tons of wheat and wheat flour and 21,491 tons of supplementary foods.

British cargo delayed
The United Nations World Food Programme said in Addis Ababa yesterday that a British shipment of 6,500 tons due at Massawa today in the ship Mehmet Kafeli, was still

locked at Hull after being switched to another ship, the Bernhard Schult, and was now not expected until the end of the month.

There would also be an indefinite delay in the arrival of 11,228 tons of Canadian wheat in the vessel Alamo II, which had been due at Djibouti tomorrow, because of the breakdown of the vessel in mid-ocean.

A 7,200-ton cargo of Swedish wheat aboard the cargo ship Brunhorn has been diverted to Ethiopia and is due at Djibouti on Dec. 23.

NUMERY IN CHINA
By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

President Numeiry of Sudan arrived in Peking yesterday for talks with Chinese leaders. It is his third trip to China.

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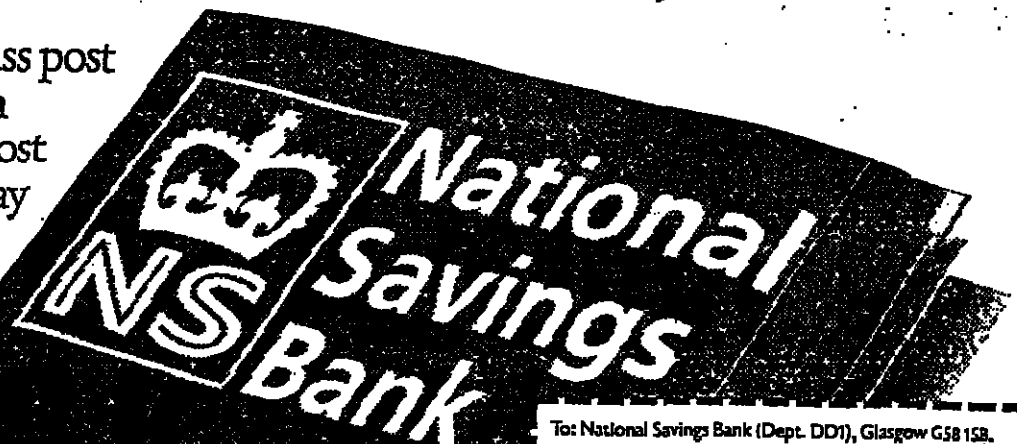
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SRI LANKA CURB AS REAGAN'S ENVOY FLIES IN

By DAVID GRAVES in Colombo

GENERAL VERNON WALTERS, President Reagan's roving ambassador, discussed with President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka in Colombo yesterday the worsening situation in the north of the country.

As they met it was announced that security operations against rebel Tamil separatists were being considerably increased, with the extension of a "prohibited zone" along the 320-mile coast of the troubled Northern Province.

A 61-hour curfew affecting nearly 1,000,000 people was imposed on the Jaffna and Kilinochchi districts only 11 hours after the end of a 42-hour curfew in which hundreds of terrorist suspects were rounded up.

Gen. Walters flew from Washington after an urgent appeal by Sri Lanka to assess the situation for President Reagan.

Officials of both countries were reluctant to comment on the nature of the Colombo talks, but the pro-Government

The prohibited zone, announced on Nov. 29, established a 90-yard no man's land along the northern coastline, and was extended yesterday by 50 miles south of the north-western port of Mannar, where landings by rebel boats have been reported.

Tamil citizens' committees protested to President Jayewardene that the zone would force thousands of people to leave their homes, that the vital northern fishing industry would be crippled, and that scores of schools and temples would have to be abandoned.

Extension of the round-the-clock curfew in Jaffna and Kilinochchi brought protests from Tamils that there could be severe food shortages because people were confined to their homes under pain of being shot on sight if they went out.

Government officials said a "large number" of terrorist suspects were detained under the weekend curfew. The Tamil United Liberation Front, the main Tamil political party, said 1,500 people had been seized.

The Tamil daily newspaper, EELANADU, claimed yesterday that three Tamils—two women and a man—were shot dead by troops near Jaffna on Sunday for breaking the curfew by working in fields.

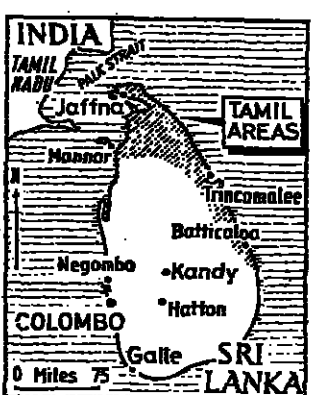
Two relief camps

More than 5,700 Sinhalese refugees from the north are being cared for in two relief camps at Padaviya and Negombo by relief agencies, including the Save the Children Fund.

Meanwhile, there are reports of increasing tension in the Central Hills region, where the majority of Sri Lanka's 600,000 Indian Tamil plantation workers live. This follows attacks on them in Hatton.

The Ceylon Workers' Congress, which represents most of the Indian Tamils, said they were being "increasingly subjected to intimidation, harassment and detention" and that their freedom of movement is severely restricted.

Indian Government officials in Colombo confirmed that an Indian Naval fast patrol vessel and two coastguard cutters were patrolling the narrow Palk Strait between the two countries after the sinking last week by the Sri Lankan Navy of an Indian trawler.



DAILY NEWS reported that a "shopping list" of military supplies was high on the agenda.

Last week the United States strongly deplored the escalation of violence in Sri Lanka as a serious and unwarranted challenge to the Government of a practising democracy.

Reference to Britain

The DAILY NEWS, quoting authoritative sources, also said there was a "strong possibility" of Britain supplying helicopters and naval patrol boats to Sri Lanka, but Government officials could not confirm this.

The visit of Gen. Walters, who last went to Sri Lanka in November, 1983, is thought to show the seriousness with which Washington views the present situation.

Since the rebel Tamils stepped up their campaign for a separate state of Eelam in the north and east of Sri Lanka, more than 370 security personnel, civilians, and terrorists have been killed in the past four weeks.

Killer gas remains threat to Bhopal

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

A WEEK after a leak in a tank storing 40 tons of methyl isocyanate killed more than 2,250 people in Bhopal, some 30 tons of the deadly gas is still stored in the Union Carbide plant there.

POLLUTION STUDY BY EXPERTS

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

INTENSIVE studies of the short-term and long-term implications of pollution caused by the Bhopal gas leak are being carried out by scientists, doctors, veterinary surgeons and agronomists.

The research is being led by the senior scientists in the Indian Council of Medical Research, the Indian Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Scientists and doctors have warned people in the area of gas concentration to get their lungs examined periodically since weakening of membranes could make them more susceptible to virus pneumonia.

Over the last week the authorities on the advice of scientists and doctors have banned the consumption of meat and fish. But they have given certificates of clear health to two lakes round which Bhopal is built and which supply most of the drinking water needs of the city.

Yesterday the medical and health authorities gave a clear certificate for fresh vegetables, but said they should be well soaked in water and thoroughly scrubbed before cooking.

Fallage blackened

The effect of the gas along a narrow corridor which the cloud followed is strikingly visible in the countryside as well as on the outskirts of the city.

The contrast between the gas-affected area and the unaffected area is clearly visible near the Union Carbide plant itself. On one side of the road running into Bhopal the trees and crops are beautifully green.

On the other side, which was affected by the gas and over which the cloud hovered and passed, fallage has been blackened and turned to a sickening blue.

Despite protracted discussions and consultations, experts have not been able to decide on the quickest and safest way to dispose of the gas.

They say there are basically three ways in which the gas can be disposed of: by restarting production of pesticides, by returning it to Union Carbide in the United States, or by passing it through a caustic soda solution to scrub and neutralise it before releasing it through an escape vent at the plant.

The first two processes would each take 10 to 14 days.

To restart production could whip up emotional demonstrations or fears among the populace, while returning the gas to America would pose problems of safe transportation.

The proposal to scrub the gas and release it after passing it through the safety tank would appear to be the best, but technicians and scientists fear that even a minor leak during this process could cause a major stampede out of Bhopal.

Experts allowed in

American technical experts flown from the United States were allowed into the plant yesterday. They were accompanied by officials of the Central Bureau of Investigation and a team of Indian technicians.

The plant has been closed and under heavy police guard since the disaster.

The visit of the American experts is clearly to inspect the safety valves and other devices and to confer with Indian technical experts on ways to make safe the gases stored there.

The possibility of the plant restarting has become such a controversial and sensitive issue that Mr Arjun Singh, the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, issued an angry reply to a news agency report suggesting it might soon begin producing pesticides again.

He said the question of dealing with the gas in the plant would be decided by the committee of experts under the Director-General of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Patients suffering from gas poisoning continued to arrive at hospitals in Bhopal yesterday.



Skyjack survivors—Mr John Costa sitting on his hospital bed and his fellow American Mr Charles Kaper receiving medical attention yesterday at the end of their six-day ordeal at the mercy of the terrorists aboard the Kuwaiti airliner at Tehran airport.

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BRITAIN NAMES DAY FOR PULLING OUT OF UNESCO

By MICHAEL FIELD in Paris

BRITAIN has given formal notification that it will withdraw from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation on Dec. 31, 1985 unless by then there have been sufficient reforms to the world body to justify staying on.

British sources in Paris were emphatic yesterday that the move did not signal a weakening of British support for the United Nations system as a whole but applied only to Unesco, the UN body where remedial action was most urgently needed.

A letter from Sir Geoffrey Howe, foreign secretary, has been handed to Mr Amadou Mahtar M'bow, Unesco's Director-General.

Britain would continue during the next 12 months to help the reform procedure begun last year from within the organisation. The need for more acceptable programmes of greater practical use to developing countries and for budgetary restraint, was emphasised.

General crisis

Concern about the way Unesco has been run was shared not only by Britain and America but also by Holland, Belgium, Italy, Canada, Japan and the Nordic countries.

The crisis in Unesco was thus a general one, and for it a general solution had to be found.

The British source refuted Soviet accusations that Britain

was part of a conspiracy with America to blackmail the world body, a group that was trying to establish or restore its hegemony.

This first co-ordinated attempt to reform Unesco will follow the American withdrawal on Dec. 31 this year precipitating an immediate financial problem by reducing Unesco's funds by 25 per cent.

It has already been decided by the executive board that this loss will not be made up by increased contributions from the rest of the membership but by effective administrative economies and cutting back extravagant programmes.

Mr M'bow said in a French radio interview yesterday that none of the allegations about mismanagement had been proven and that the Americans had first "politicised" the world body by promoting the change in 1947 whereby delegates began representing governments and not just intellectual bodies.

Solidarity Day on pay for U.N. staff

By MICHAEL KALLENBACH at the United Nations

THE United Nations staff union will hold a worldwide "day of solidarity" tomorrow to protest about joint co-operation by Moscow and Washington to block a higher cost-of-living payment for civil servants.

Mr George Irving, the staff union president, who is an American, said he was "extremely disappointed" by the position taken by his government.

"There is certainly room for improvement in any organisation," he said. "But we cannot accept an undifferentiated and unjustifiable attack on the staff at large that serves only to undermine confidence in the system."

He said the event could possibly disrupt United Nations operations for a day.

Equal pay

The staff union is complaining about a recent decision by the General Assembly not to grant a 9.6 per cent pay adjustment to New York-based civil servants.

However, Mr Irving said this meant that political considerations were being allowed to undermine "an established United Nations technical system to equalise pay."

Throughout the present session of the General Assembly—which ends on Dec. 16—both the Americans and Russians have shown an unusual display of co-operation in an effort to curtail United Nations costs.

Together, Washington and Moscow pay nearly 40 per cent of the total United Nations budget.



Capt. Alfredo Astiz, the naval commander who led the Argentine troops during their occupation of South Georgia at the start of the Falklands war, on his way to be interrogated in Buenos Aires on charges of kidnapping and seriously wounding a 17-year-old Swedish girl. The alleged offences took place during the "dirty war" waged against Argentine Leftists in the late 1970s.

Modified Marxism still rules in China

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

AN editorial writer on the PEOPLE'S DAILY, organ of the Chinese Communist party, appeared to be in trouble last night after official sources told foreign correspondents in Peking that an article written by him on Marxism was wrong.

The unsigned article, published on the front page last Friday, caused headlines in the West, particularly in some newspapers that carried an interpretation by one news agency that the party was declaring for the first time that the thinking of Marx was obsolete.

In fact, the editorial said that some of Marx's ideas were outdated and should not dogmatically be followed word for word.

It amounted to a call to refine Marxism to fit conditions in the world today rather than those of a century or more ago.

However, in places like Hongkong, where many of the inhabitants have been praying that Chinese Communism is being wound down, the story provoked articles such as one in the South China Morning Post suggesting that "something momentous" was happening in China.

As a result Chinese officials had to make it clear yesterday that the article was flawed because it had not sufficiently emphasised the continuing importance of Marxist principles, which were still China's guiding ideology.

Rare correction

The move to balance the paper's remarks followed a rare front-page correction by the PEOPLE'S DAILY of a key sentence in the editorial.

It altered the sentence, "One cannot expect Marx's and Lenin's works of their time to solve our problems of today," to read "to solve all our problems of today."

Chinese sources said the article on theory and practice was based on remarks by Hu Yaobang, party general secretary, to provincial propaganda officials and jotted down by editors without an official text.

It seems likely the author will follow in the steps of two other PEOPLE'S DAILY staff recently purged for supporting the seemingly heretical idea that there could be alienation under Communism.

PHASING-OUT OF MAO'S COMMUNES

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

THE curtain is finally being lowered in China on one of the best-known legacies of the late Mao Tse-tung, the intended classless society of people's communes.

A headline in the CHINA DAILY announced yesterday that their role was "nearly at an end."

A senior official of the Civil Affairs Ministry was quoted as saying that "stunning changes" in China's rural areas, where 80 per cent of the population lives, had made commune administration ill-suited to current production practices.

Communes were "harmful to further development of the rural economy," he said.

The establishing in 1958 of 54,000 communes set the tone for foreign perceptions of China as Mao began one of the largest social experiments of this century: the so-called "great leap forward."

A romantic notion

Critics of the project included Teng Hsiao-ping, now leader of China, who thought it a romantic notion that did not square with reality.

Mao envisaged a peasant paradise, with each unit of about 50,000 people in the countryside providing leadership in politics, economics, military affairs, culture, education and public health. Every member would work the land, receive equal pay, and have every want, from nursery care to entertainment, provided free.

The idea flopped, with the communes becoming little more than a collection of clerks and party officials presiding over economic stagnation.

Packer sues QC for defamation damages

By DEVIN WARNER in Melbourne

MR KERRY PACKER, the newspaper magnate, has issued a writ for defamation against Mr Douglas Meagher, QC, counsel assisting the Costigan Royal Commission into organised crime.

The writ was issued in the New South Wales Supreme Court yesterday and will be served on Mr Meagher in Melbourne today. It claims unspecified damages for defamation relating to the alleged looking to the NATIONAL TIMES newspaper regarding the operation of an individual code-named Goanna.

Mr Packer, who was subsequently identified as Goanna, was cleared last week by a coroner's court in Brisbane of any suggestion that he had been remotely involved in the murder of a business associate who was found by the coroner to have committed suicide.

In a statement issued to the SYDNEY SUNDAY TELEGRAPH at the weekend, Mr Packer's legal adviser, Mr Malcolm Turnbull, claimed that he had "every reason to believe" that Mr Meagher was connected with the publication of the Costigan case summaries in the NATIONAL TIMES, a Fairfax newspaper.

Lunch with editor

"I have recently been made aware that Mr Meagher has admitted to having had lunch with the editor of the NATIONAL TIMES, Mr Brian Toohy, a week before the publication of the Costigan case summaries," Mr Turnbull said.

"I am aware that the luncheon

occurred in a Melbourne restaurant. I understand that Mr Meagher has said that at that lunch Toohy had told him he had been leaked the Costigan case summaries from a senior source at the National Crimes Authority and proposed to publish them in a forthcoming edition of the NATIONAL TIMES.

"Mr Meagher admits that following the lunch he told Costigan about his conversation with Mr Toohy, yet it is a fact that Costigan took no steps to restrain the publication in the NATIONAL TIMES.

"Furthermore, even more reprehensibly and dishonourably, neither Costigan nor Meagher took any steps to advise the National Crimes Authority of the revelation by Toohy of this leak from the authority.

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"I can only say in respect of this matter that by their own admission Meagher and Costigan have conducted themselves most reprehensibly in failing to stop an unauthorised and illegal leak which was inevitably going to do much damage to the reputation of Kerry Packer."

Mr Packer was involved in an exchange with a Press photographer in Adelaide at the weekend. He seized a camera from a photographer working for the AUSTRALIAN ADVERTISER and threw it to the ground.

The photographer suffered a broken tooth in the incident and Mr Packer has apologised for the incident and has offered to pay for the damaged tooth and camera.



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Inspector seeks pledge that 'detrimental' second runway will not be built

STANSTED 'ONLY ANSWER' TO AIRPORT NEEDS OF THE 1990s

ONLY Stansted can provide additional capacity to meet demand in the early-to-mid 1990s, says Mr Graham Eyre, Q.C., in his Stansted inquiry report published yesterday.

Subject to appropriate conditions, he recommends that the necessary planning permissions to enable Stansted to be developed to 15 million passengers a year "should be granted as expeditiously as possible."

It should be capable of providing an ultimate capacity "equivalent to that which can be accommodated on the airport's single runway."

This was likely to run to 25 million passengers a year. There were "compelling reasons" why a second runway at Stansted should not be developed under any circumstances.

"Government should make an unequivocal declaration of intention that a second main planning permission should be granted in the absence of, or prior to, the making of such a declaration."

"There is no doubt that a two-runway airport at Stansted would have so detrimental an effect on the environment, would so affect the character of the local communities and the ecology of the area and would have such implications beyond its immediate neighbourhood as to be wholly unacceptable."

Many uncertainties

Complementary development at Heathrow and expansion at Stansted "will provide a flexible and well-balanced capability in the London airports system."

Gatwick and Birmingham serve to demonstrate the validity of such a conclusion.

Stansted Airport is located in an area of agricultural land of high quality and versatility which is intensively and skillfully farmed, and subject to important national, regional and local planning policies seeking to prevent the loss of land to other forms of development.

"In the ordinary course of events, the loss of agricultural land of such quality on the scale involved would not be countenanced," says the inspector.

"However, it is axiomatic that the provision of additional substantial airport capacity in the South East will almost inevitably involve the loss of agricultural land."

It was somewhat remarkable that expansion of the airport in an area so intensively farmed would involve the total loss of only two agricultural holdings and occupy a site of which some 40 per cent of the area was not agricultural land.

Extremely serious

"In the circumstances, the loss of agricultural land to airport and related urban development does not justify a rejection of the expansion proposal."

While the further loss of an area of land to develop a second terminal may not have been critical, the agricultural implications of constructing a second runway and other airport development would be "extremely serious and adversely affect a substantial number of outstanding agricultural holdings."

"The overall consequences for agricultural interests are so grave and manifest that a decision to abandon the safeguarding protection and any prospect of the construction of a second runway would be fully justified."

"The inspector concludes that whilst the past at Gatwick could not be treated as a proxy for future development of Stansted, there was nothing in the history of growth at Gatwick that did

other than augur well for the future of Stansted."

Expansion of Stansted had been planned on the basis that, for the most part, any associated development would be accommodated within the airport boundary. Such an objective was entirely appropriate.

"There may be a requirement for the provision of hotel accommodation off-airport, but the extent of such development will not be significant. Other airport associated development will make small demands on land in the Stansted area."

The strategic highway network outside Greater London in relation to Stansted Airport "will eventually be outstanding." Implications for the local highways of additional airport related traffic would not be significant.

AIRPORTS OPEN OWN BAKERY

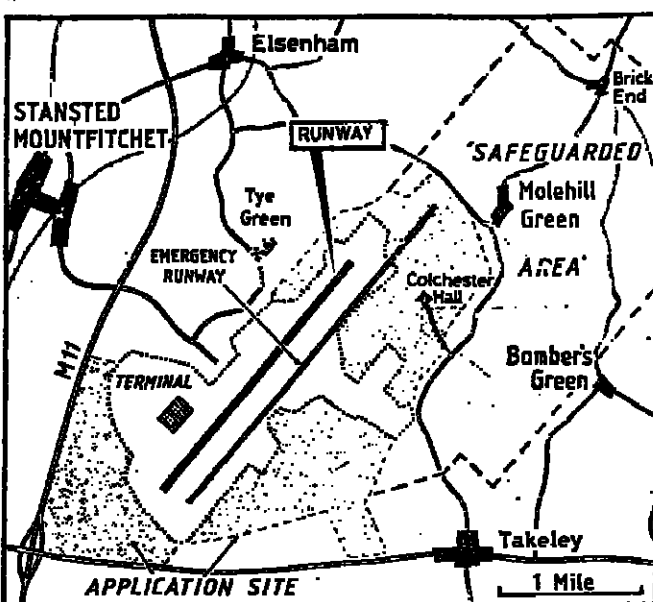
The British Airport Authority opened its own bakery yesterday to help cater for its 46 million passengers a year. It plans to sell 5,000 freshly-made Danish pastries a day, and expects to top two million by the end of next year.

"The service is a first for British airports and signifies a major drive to improve the standard and image of our catering," said Mr Allan Blacher, commercial development director.

MORE WORK ON RAIL PLAN URGED

British Rail should be invited by the Government to carry out further work on its plans to build a rail link from Stansted airport to St Pancras Station, says the report.

A spur line could be built from the airport to the nearby Cambridge to London line, which is being electrified. A special motorway interchange on the nearby M11 should also be considered.



Passenger traffic to double by year 2000

THE expansion of Heathrow and Stansted airports, as recommended in the report, is based on the assumption that the number of passengers using London's airports will double by the end of the century.

At present just over 40 million passengers travel through Heathrow and Gatwick.

But the report estimates that demand will rise to 89 million passengers a year by the year 2000.

With the completion of a fourth terminal at Heathrow and a second terminal at Gatwick, the capacity of London's airports will rise to about 65 million by 1990, but this will still be insufficient to cope with the increased demand.

In making his recommendations for Heathrow and Stansted, the inspector emphasises the need for the Government to develop a coherent strategy in planning future airport development.

Strong arguments were put forward at the inquiry for alternatives to both further

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expansion of Heathrow and development of Stansted.

These included development of existing regional airports to satisfy the additional demand, resurrection of the scheme to build a major international airport on Maplin Sands, Essex, and development of a new airport at Severnside.

The report loses no time in rejecting outright any suggestion of new airports being built at either Severnside and Maplin. The Severnside proposal should be dismissed "once and for all" while the Maplin project should remain "well and truly buried."

The arguments in favour of further development of airports in the Midlands, the North and Scotland, would provide a much-needed boost to the hard-pressed economies of the areas, acknowledges the inspector.

Extra demand

But forecast passenger traffic in these areas is also likely to double from today's 22 million passengers a year to 43 million by the end of the century and substantial investment will be necessary in the next few years to enable these airports to cope with the extra demand.

It would be wrong, however, to implement a policy where passengers wishing to fly abroad through the London airport system are forced to use regional airports by government policy.

"Regional airports should not and cannot make so large a contribution to satisfying future demand as the move or substantially reduce the need for further capacity in the South-East."

Increasing the capacity of London's airports to cope with the expected rise in passenger traffic will also have no harmful effect on the regions or their airports in any significant respect.

Additional capacity should therefore be found in the South-east region for the expected increase in demand.

WORK ON M25 SECTION IS PUT BACK

WORK on the Leatherhead-Reigate section of the M25 orbital motorway around London has been suspended until April.

The decision was taken by the contractor, a consortium of Bovis and Birse, and approved by W. S. Atkins, the consulting engineers acting as agent for the Government.

The builders have been given an extension so that the £14,655,000 contract need not now be finished until next August. About 100 men have been laid off.

Working with concrete can be more difficult in winter and several motorway contractors have been forced to return and correct defects at their own expense.

The nearby Chertsey-Wisley section of the M25, opened last December, is to have the west-bound carriageway closed for repairs. It is for "the repair and replacement of the carriageway," said the Department, though only the middle lane will be replaced.

Suspension of winter work on the Leatherhead-Reigate section is at the request of Bovis Civil Engineering.

This subsidiary of the P & O shipping group is in process of being sold to its management, and will in future be known as the Farr Group. Other Bovis companies remain with P & O.

Mrs Chalker, Transport Minister, said she understood concern at suspension of work. "Extensions were granted for a number of reasons," she said. "One was a decision of Government in change road-building specifications nationally 'to improve quality and durability'."

CANCELLED TRAINS
Eastern Region cancelled 169 trains from 2,225 scheduled services last week; Southern Region had 125 cancellations from 4,710; London Midland three from 657 and Western Region three from 300.

Time to cure shortcomings of Heathrow

THE international status and importance of London's airports system can only be maintained and enhanced if Heathrow's capacity and infrastructure is fully used, says the report.

Heathrow should continue to be the dominant airport, and the opportunity must now be seized to cure a number of "grievous ills and shortcomings" there.

The inspector, Mr Graham Eyre, Q.C., says failure to take this course will militate against the future success of Heathrow.

Present and planned capacity in the London airports system would be insufficient to meet demand beyond the present decade and additional capacity would be required no later than 1990.

Limited options still remained open and the inexorable result, says the inspector, "points to further development of Heathrow rather than unlimited, open-ended expansion at Stansted."

There were "positive and priceless gains" to be achieved by some territorial expansion at Heathrow, which at the same time, could accommodate additional terminal capacity.

Subject to certain contingencies, a capacity capability at Heathrow of up to 53 million passengers a year could be available from the mid-1990s.

"The provision of such capacity would make a crucial contribution to total capacity in the London system as a whole and should be developed in conjunction with other vital airport facilities so as to ensure that standards at Heathrow are commensurate with its status as the most important international airport in the world."

Sewage works

The most important factors for the future of Heathrow were the removal of the present sewage treatment works, "the availability of further land to the west; the abandonment of the 'ill-advised and misconceived proposal' to impose a limit on air transport movements; and provision of adequate surface access facilities."

"There should be a resolute aim to commission additional terminal accommodation and other airport development at Heathrow by the mid-1990s."

The inspector recommends that the two applications made by Littleford Council for outline planning permission for the extension of Heathrow to

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provide a fifth passenger terminal with an annual capacity of 15 million passengers, be refused.

But he does urge that the site of the sewage works together with land to the west of the A3044 up to the boundary of the M25, be taken into the Heathrow airport with the objective of providing a fifth passenger terminal complex and other important airport development, with direct access to the motorway, as soon as possible.

Artificial restraint

The inspector says he wholly trusts on the future of Heathrow that flowed from the decision to limit Heathrow's terminal capacity for all time, and further artificially restrain the capacity that existed to accommodate substantially in excess of the proposed limit.

"It is remarkable that, after so many years and so many errors, the opportunity still exists to transform Heathrow from a second class facility into a magnificent airport worthy of its unique international status and its role as the major transportation gateway to London and Britain."

"There is no doubt in my mind that such a colossal opportunity should be seized so that Heathrow's success in the future is assured."

National interest

"I confidently predict that any other course would jeopardise the national interest in one of the few fields in which Britain still leads the world."

The contribution which Heathrow can make to the solution of the problem of providing additional airport capacity in the London airports system, while substantial, was limited to a further 15 million passengers a year.

In existence for nearly 40 years, Heathrow had become the world's major international airport, and London's dominant airport. It represented a "massive resource and investment" not only in the form of the airport itself, but in industry and commerce in the West London area and beyond.

"In the circumstances it is wholly fruitless to enter or seek to re-open the debate as to whether Heathrow was the appropriate location for a major international airport."

Action urged to end years of controversy

THE publication of the 3,000-page report into London's airport capacity is the latest chapter in a saga which has already lasted more than 30 years.

Since the government published a White Paper in 1953 entitled "London's airports," which designated Stansted as London's "reserve airport," controversy has raged about the future of the unassuming airfield which lies in the heart of rural Essex.

The report is the product of the longest and most expensive planning inquiry conducted and its conclusions represent an attempt to bring the controversy to an end by setting out a coherent and detailed approach to airport policy for the South-east for the next 30 years.

"The inspector is highly critical of all previous attempts to sort out the issue and calls on the Government to take decisive action "to resolve the airports question in the longer term in a manner that is equitable, firm in its expression and resolute in its implementation."

He refers to the history and development of airports policy as being characterised by "ad hoc expediency, unaccountable and ill-ordered procedures, ineptness, vacillation, uncertainty and ill-considered and precipitate judgments."

Public cynicism

"A strong public cynicism has inexorably grown. Political decisions in this field are no longer trusted. The consequences are grave. There will now never be a consensus. The past performances of governments guarantees that any decision now will provoke criticism and resentment on a large scale."

The latest inquiry was set up to consider essentially two proposals: an application by the British Airports Authority to develop Stansted, which currently handles little more than one million passengers a year, to take 15 million passengers; and a proposal by Littleford Council, the local authority at Stansted, to build a fifth terminal at Heathrow.

A third proposal by the Town and Country Planning Authority to resurrect the scheme to build an international airport at Foulness Sands, was later dropped through lack of support.

It was the third public inquiry to be held into the question of where to site London's third airport.

The first was held at Chelmsford between December 1965 and February 1966 where the inspector found for the pro-Stansted on the grounds that objections based on noise, traffic, regional planning, agriculture and house values were "formidable and justified."

He said it would be a "calamity" for a major airport to be built at Stansted and such a decision could only be justified by "national necessity."

A second review was undertaken by the Roskill Commission which reported in January 1971, shortlisting six possible sites, none of them Stansted, the latest inquiry set for 18 months in a purpose-built hall in the grounds of Quendon Hall, the former 17th century ancestral home of Lord Inchcape, and at Heathrow.

Major departure

From the outset it was clear that the inspector, Mr Graham Eyre, Q.C., was being asked to consider more than the two planning applications before him and his office secured a deluge of facts and figures on all aspects of airport policy.

His report, which took 18 months to write, takes account of issues such as the effects of airport development on local employment, urban growth and the national defence. His conclusions are a major departure from anything previously put forward. Previously, planning proposals have centred on developing an airport similar to Heathrow while restricting any future growth at both Gatwick and Heathrow.

But in recommending only limited development of Stansted and calling for restrictions to be lifted on development of Heathrow he is putting forward a new solution to a very old problem.

"The complementary capacity contributions to be made by development at Heathrow and Stansted will provide a flexible and well-balanced capability in the London airports system for 1990 and into the next century," he concludes. "This will 'finally enable' the future the many such a deplorable feature of post-war airports policy."

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Yesterday in Parliament

BRITTAN REFUSES TO SET UP INQUIRY INTO CND PHONE-TAP CLAIMS

By WILLIAM WEEKES Parliamentary Staff

LABOUR demands for an inquiry into allegations by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament of telephone tapping and interference with mail were turned down by Mr BRITTAN, Home Secretary, in the Commons yesterday.

Mr BRITTAN, replying to an emergency question from Mr KAUFMAN, his Opposition "Shadow," said that, like previous Home Secretaries, he would neither confirm nor deny the existence of authorised interceptions in particular cases, whatever the circumstances.

"With regard to the question of unauthorised interception, I have no evidence or reason to believe it was done."

The Post Office has apologised to CND and sent £100 compensation following complaints that mail had been damaged, opened in transit or had arrived late.

The Home Secretary said interception would be authorised only where the criteria in the 1980 White Paper of the interception of communications were clearly met.

The White Paper set out the conditions which have to be satisfied before the Home Secretary grants a warrant authorising the interception of communications.

Mr Brittan told the House he

Dearing, chairman of the Post Office, dealt with complaints. "As far as the legitimacy or otherwise of the CND is concerned, I do not think it is for me to legitimise them or otherwise."

"There is no doubt at all that peaceful political campaigning to change the mind of government and people generally about the validity of nuclear disarmament is an entirely legitimate activity which does not fall within the very strict criteria of the 1980 White Paper."

Mr DAVID WINNICK (Lab., Walsall, N.) claimed that hardly anyone believed that what had occurred was an administrative mistake.

Mr Brittan should be less complacent, recognising that his duty was to defend rather than undermine civil liberties.

'Test postings'

Mr SIMON HUGHES (Lib., Southwark and Bermondsey) argued that the Home Secretary should accept responsibility for what had happened because the Post Office had not got to the bottom of the matter.

Mr BRITTAN told him that the Post Office had not yet finished its inquiries. There had been some "test postings," he added.

Opposition MPs shouted "rubbish" and "disgraceful" when Mr ROBERT ADLEY (C., Christchurch) said the CND appeared to pursue policies which, in some respects, were indistinguishable from the Kremlin's objectives.

"Can you think of any organisation which more certainly ought to be kept under surveillance?"

Mr ELDON GRIFFITHS (C., Bury St Edmunds), Parliament-



Mr BRITTAN: No reason to believe there was an authorised interception.

ary adviser to the Police Federation, said it would be unwise to leap to conclusions before the Post Office had completed its investigations.

The result of the inquiries should be published "so that the full facts, and not the travesties that are being put about, are made clear."

Questioned further, Mr BRITTAN said the Post Office would not have paid money unless something had gone wrong.

"It is clear already that two of the things that went wrong were a post-office machine and the quality of packing as far as CND is concerned," he added.

Today in Parliament

HOUSE OF LORDS
2.30: Scottish Order Confirmation Bill, rpt; Food and Environment Protection Bill, 1st; Pensions Bill, 1st; (Workers Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Bill, 1st.

HOUSE OF COMMONS
2.30: Debate on the E.C. draft General Budget for 1985; International Development Association (Seventh Replenishment) Order; International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (1984 Selective Capital Increase) Order.

Labour attack on Sunday trading

MR GERALD KAUFMAN, Shadow Home Secretary, yesterday accused Mrs Thatcher of condoning by her silence the action by high street stores which opened for business on Sunday, breaking the trading laws.

But the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, rejected his demand in the Commons for an emergency debate after Mr Kaufman claimed the stores had "knowingly and blatantly" violated the law.

Quoting the Prime Minister on the need for respect for the law, Mr Kaufman said: "Does that apply to Heals as well as the National Union of Mineworkers? Does that apply to Habitat as well as the Transport and General Workers' Union?"

Those who flouted the Sunday trading law had stated openly that they intended to do so as a number of subsequent occasions before Christmas, he said.

'Unlawful action'
Despite this, "the Prime Minister has not yet condemned this breach of the rule of law."

Glancing at the Government Front Bench, he said: "We have the Home Secretary in the Chamber today—he has not yet condemned this breach of the law."

"What this House of Commons needs to establish quite clearly is: Is there one rule for miners' and another for merchants?"

"Those stores took their unlawful action in anticipation of enactment of a Bill which does not exist, based on a report on which a White Paper has not yet been issued."



Mr KAUFMAN: Stores knowingly and blatantly violated the law.

He was referring to a Home Office committee report which has recommended that the Sunday trading ban be scrapped.

But, the Speaker told Mr Kaufman this issue could not take precedence over the scheduled business of the House.

'INTERFERING WITH COURTS' PROTEST

The Government was accused in the Commons yesterday of direct interference in the work of the courts, through its decision to allocate cash for sequestration of miners' union funds.

Raising the matter as a point of order Mr STANLEY ORME, Shadow Energy Secretary, protested to the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, that the Government was going to interfere in a court's judgment which it was not in any way involved in.

He was supported by other Labour MPs in calling for a Government statement on the issue. But the Speaker ruled that it was not a matter for him to decide.

Bill 'could allow tax exiles to decide elections'

By PETER PRYKE Parliamentary Correspondent

A GOVERNMENT proposal to allow British citizens living abroad to vote in General Elections could result in "tax exiles" deciding its outcome, Mr GERALD KAUFMAN, Shadow Home Secretary, told the Commons last night.

The vote is to be extended to 500,000 people by a provision in the Representation of the People Bill giving the franchise to Britons abroad for seven years after they have left the United Kingdom.

Mr Kaufman pointed out that among those who might benefit were people now living in Spain who were suspected of crimes in Britain.

The proposal breached the doctrine of no representation without taxation.

Only 84 votes in three constituencies could have deprived the properly elected government of its majority at a recent General Election.

"It is quite unacceptable that the votes of tax exiles should decide the government of people working in this country," he said.

Mr Kaufman also condemned the raising of the General Election deposit from the present £150 to £1,000, as being opposed by almost all the minority parties.

General welcome

But another provision to enable Britons holidaying at election time to vote by post or proxy was given a general welcome.

Mr BRITTAN, moving second reading of the Bill, said that he expected 600,000 holiday makers to benefit.

He sought to allay criticism of the raising of the election deposit by pointing out that to save it in future a candidate must secure only one vote in 20, as against the present one in eight.

But Mr KAUFMAN said that the move to squeeze out minority or even extremist candidates was "an attack on democracy."

On extending the vote to expatriates, Mr Kaufman said that now living on what was known as "the Costa del Crime" were five British citizens wanted in connection with robberies worth £32 million.

Amid laughter he added: "Under this Bill all these gentlemen will be able to claim an absent vote and to exercise their influence on the provisions of the next Police and Criminal Evidence Bill."

Mr BRITTAN described the past denial of a vote to holiday-makers as a scandal, and said that in future the dissolution of Parliament would be the Tuesday rather than Wednesday three weeks before the poll, to give more time for

Peers express bright hopes for Hongkong

By WALTER ABURN Parliamentary Staff

BRIGHT hopes for the future of Hongkong were voiced in the Lords yesterday when peers passed a motion endorsing the Government's intention to sign the agreement negotiated with the Chinese government.

But successive speakers endorsed the views expressed in a maiden speech by the Earl of BIRKENHEAD (C) that it was essential for the people of Hongkong to be involved directly in developments from now on.

Baroness YOUNG, Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Minister, saw no reason to doubt that the Chinese government would fulfil its obligations under an agreement it has freely entered into and which provided for the retention and strengthening of Hongkong's position as a world commercial, financial and communications centre.

No absolute guarantees could be given about the future, but the Chinese were justifiably proud of their good record in observing international agreements.

She assured peers that coming legislation here would ensure that any British national in Hongkong who would otherwise become stateless would retain British nationality, and that children who might be born stateless after 1997 could acquire British citizenship.

Those with Dependent Territories citizenship would be able, if they wished, to retain a form of British nationality after 1997 for the rest of their lives.

'Good future'

Lord CLEWDINE of PENRHOS, Opposition leader in the Lords, said the people of Hongkong now knew that their future was in their own hands.

The agreement could bring benefits to both sides if its principles were built upon. Hongkong could look to a good future and China would gain the confidence and respect of the world.

Lord TANTAW (Lib.) said it was essential that the system for electing Hongkong's chief executive was organised well before 1997.

Lord BIRKENHEAD said it was hard to imagine a more comprehensive and satisfactory agreement, but much remained to be done. Some Democratic body should be elected to represent Hongkong's interests.

The principle of Chinese reunification had to work or

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THE ARTS

MUSIC / Holloway's Serenata

UNPREDICTABILITY, to be sure, is of the essence in good composition. There is plenty of that in Robin Holloway's Serenata Notturna for four horns, accompanied by two trumpets and strings. It received its first performance by Frank Lloyd, Peter Raiton, Richard Watkins and John Rooke with other members of the City of London Sinfonia under their conductor Richard Hickox at the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Mozartian associations aroused by the title were met by an Andante introduction couched in post-modern tonality, as it has come to be termed.

But how to describe one's surprise when suddenly the 1980s clock is turned back two centuries in an Allegro that might actually have come from a friend of Mozart's? The two styles continued to rub shoulders amicably.

Although intended as a companion piece for Schumann's similarly scored Konzertstück, the Serenata was in fact followed up with Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4, which actually received the evening's best performance, notably in the sun-drenched middle movement.

The concert started with the orchestral version of Wolf's

Italian Serenade, a nicely chosen pendant that did however suffer from the conductor's eccentric exaggeration of the brief, incidental ritarandos.

Nor does Mozart's C major Piano Concerto K467 deserve to have the main theme's opening notes played staccato when he went out of his way, every time, to put dots over those quavers he did want to be played that way. Rafael Orozco was the technically impeccable soloist but the solidity of tone and conception made it all sound early 19th century.

Peter Stadlen

Gilbert Kaplan's Mahler

AS everybody must know by now—so massive has been the advance publicity—the story music, he first absorbed this monumental symphony virtually by rote, and then spent many months with a professional conductor learning how to beat it into his own head.

As a feat of nerve, stamina and determination it was in many ways an extraordinary and, in the proper sense of the term, eccentric achievement, and it is in that light that it is probably best considered.

For almost two decades his conductor Gilbert Kaplan, self-made millionaire and shrewd financial entrepreneur, has been engaged by this one particular work. It is the only score he

knows, and he has no intention of undertaking anything else. Apparently, hardly able to read music, he first absorbed this monumental symphony virtually by rote, and then spent many months with a professional conductor learning how to beat it into his own head.

One unmistakable sign of his interpretative inexperience, at least in the first three movements, was his consistent under-characterisation of the musical detail, the lack of vital energy and tension in the phrasing. Another the slackening of the tempo, and the transitional passages almost to the point of inertia.

Most successful were predictably the most obvious moments, the grand climaxes and the work's final, triumphant apotheosis. But even then one could never be certain that

what one was being produced by the orchestra was an accurate transcription of what he was hearing in his head. For the two are not necessarily the same, the projection of the vision into experienced reality being one of the most mysteriously difficult aspects of the conductor's art.

And it was no doubt with fulfilment, of giving a private fantasy being turned so determinedly into direct action, which accounted as much as any profound musical satisfaction for the performance's standing ovation.

Robert Henderson

Elisabeth Leonskaja

ELISABETH LEONSKAJA has the ability to draw her audience to the heart of a work's emotional territory from the moment her fingers first touch the keyboard: such, at least, was our experience at her impressive Queen Elizabeth Hall recital on Sunday afternoon.

She opened with Beethoven's "Pathétique" Sonata, and her concentration of utterance immediately plunged us into a world of drama and noble breadth with her stately tempo and richly deep sonority, while her light-textured, fleet Allegro established a field of contrasts which were splendidly integrated throughout the movement, indeed, the whole work.

Here was a fresh and original view of a work that is in grave danger of over-exposure, as indeed, was her poetically intense treatment of the same composer's Sonata in D Minor, Opus 31, No. 2: fresh and original, yet never eccentric, and once more in Chopin's four Scherzos.

Miss Leonskaja proved willing to take expressive chances, releasing a torrent of passionate energy. The picture, which measures 72 x 62 inches, is very simple, there is no extraneous detail. Yet the sombre, muted, indeed almost muddy colour is effective in suggesting a mood. Beyond this he captures one aspect of the spirit of a place.

Anthony Payne

Some of these reviews appeared in later editions yesterday.



Colin Smith's "43rd at First" in his one-man exhibition at the Nicola Jacobs gallery.

ART / Spirit of New York

COLIN SMITH, a young British artist who is having his second London one-man show, captures, with extraordinary perception, the feel of New York.

His exhibition, which continues at the Nicola Jacobs Gallery until Dec. 21, reaffirms two things about painting that are intensely relevant. One has to do with the artist's subject matter, the other with how he handles his materials.

Colin Smith, who was trained at the Palmouth School of Art and the Royal College, is concerned with the world he sees about him, in this case the streets of New York. He depicts them with brushwork that is decisive and bold.

In this exhibition there are eight big studies of a single figure. A typical work, his "43rd at First," shows a man in a seedy raincoat who is standing at the kerbside bending down to talk to somebody in a car. His body hides the person he is dealing with, but we suspect she may be a prostitute.

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Other paintings in this exhibition, particularly one of a man in a telephone box, are equally effective.

The best of these works suggest one aspect of New York in a way that is so true that they will bring a pang to those who know the city. The place can be glamorous, it is frequently frenetic, but it is often drab and seamy. The artist also suggests that sense of triviality of everyday actions being futile, which seems to crowd in upon one more often in New York than elsewhere.

Colin Smith's achievement can best be described by two words that were being bandied around a few years ago, especially in New York, but today seem to have slipped from the fashionable vocabulary. It is cool to the point of being camp.

Terence Mullaly

Dowell's dual role

Norman Morrice, director of the Royal Ballet, is to take three months' rest following a serious illness. Anthony Dowell will deputise for him while also performing as a principal dancer with the company.

TELEVISION / It's all Greek to me

IN MEMORY, schooldays consisted of looking out of the window, praying that the wet mist would clear for cricket, dreaming of the blue skies beyond the grounds, while a teacher droned on about pi. It started an incomprehensible wall and it remained one. It was as repellent as any other school baked pie and it convinced me that I would never become a mathematician.

It is disturbing to be reminded that, whatever it may be, still exists. Though if there had been aids in decades past like Jon Palfreman's A Mathematical Mystery Tour (BBC2), the Horizon report last night, some of us might have been persuaded to try a bit harder in plumbing the mysteries.

This was a very elegant looking tour and not just in its use of computer and other graphics. It was also comforting to discover that even the grizzled geniuses on view here remain, puzzled about some things, agree in fact that some

mathematical statements can never be proved true or false.

It was claimed that Bertrand Russell's attempt to fit mathematics into logic in his monumental Principia Mathematica had broken him. He had reached page 362 before being able to prove that one and one make two, and his intellectual sharpness was permanently blunted by the effort. Perhaps pi is really some kind of warning.

Bright presentation, with ingenious use of split-screen effects, was also used the previous evening to sugar the scientific pill of Caroline Weaver's Peacocks, Parasites and the Puzzle of Sex (BBC2). This reassembled startling and less startling natural history footage with the ostensible purpose of solving the riddle of why larger species do not eliminate smaller ones in consisting only of females.

Brian Leith's proposition, that we mate in the interest of diversity and a consequent protection against malignant bugs,

could have been simply stated in five minutes. But he narrated a nicely constructed reassurance that sex was not only invented for discussion on television.

This was not the most satisfying documentary of the last three evenings. That accolade must go to Caroline Tisdall's The Last Post Run (C4) in the "People to People" anthology. Which was an evocative re-tracing of the footsteps of Big John, who 150 years ago delivered the mail at the trot in the north-west Scottish Highlands. It converted an critic here making her debut as a film director. Tisdall was able to use generous length and a proper rural pace to dwell on the awesome landscape as lavishly photographed by Clive Tickner. More unusually she also managed a telling sound track which, in its mix of words and folk music, recalled those much missed radio ballads of Charles Parker.

Sean Day-Lewis

RADIO / A visitor in the Valleys

I WAS just thinking that if anyone else said "close knit communities" once more I would switch off for the rest of the day when, as can still happen with radio, a programme came along to change all that.

A Lady in the Valleys (BBC Radio 4) on Wednesday repeated Sunday's featured Janet Arnold, a housewife from Winchester, president of Winton Women's Institute, "a typical middle-class southerner" in the words of Radio Solent's programme organiser. Together with Peter White, the blind presenter familiar from Radio 4's In Touch programme, she set off at the end of last month to spend four days living in a Welsh mining village. The aim was to get a different kind of "insider" view.

They spoke to striking and working miners, their wives and children, to a local NCB man. They lived in the family of one of the strikers. They were there when the news of the death of the taxi driver, David Wilkie, broke. Before they set out Janet Arnold told Peter White that she thought unconvincing pits ought to be closed and

people should be prepared to move to new work. At the end of the four days she said that in future she would not be so quick to judge.

She had felt what it was like to be part of the village, she could see why moving wasn't so easy. "Until you're actually in the situation yourself in the area and you can benefit as I have done then you can't sum it up. There is no right or wrong." With all respect to the teams of regular BBC reporters, commentators and in-depth persons, here at last was a programme which mirrored real public confusion and concern.

Radio 4's Thursday afternoon play came from a Welsh village too. Sharp and sweet, it told the story of a village school and how one marriage breaks up (with the consequent removal of five pupils) would threaten it. Bubbling all round this central strand, A Little Learning by Julie Jones had the gossip, shared memory, insight and speculation of the village itself, brought particularly vividly to life by Christine Pollen as the old teacher and

Slán Owen as the gossip-in-chief.

Last night's play on Radio 4 was the sum of considerable achievements. First there was Brian Sibley's very fine adaptation of Thomas Gwynn, Mervyn Peake's authentic epic, and, all together after that, Glen Dearnan's perfectly pitched production of a perfectly wonderful cast. There was Freddie Jones as the narrator, David Warner as Squibb, Stratford Johns as Sweller, Robert Edlison as Sourdust and (featuring on the front cover of this week's Radio Times) Sting as Steep-pike, to mention but a few. I must admit I looked at the picture and thought, sniffily that these days the radio will go for any gimmick. I was wrong. Sting, who is more immediately famous for being a pop star, is also a good actor. He shows himself in this (with the sequel Gormenghast to come next Monday) to have the exact vocal presence for his part and to possess the power to make the malevolent heart of the dark drama glow with eerie precision.

Gillian Reynolds

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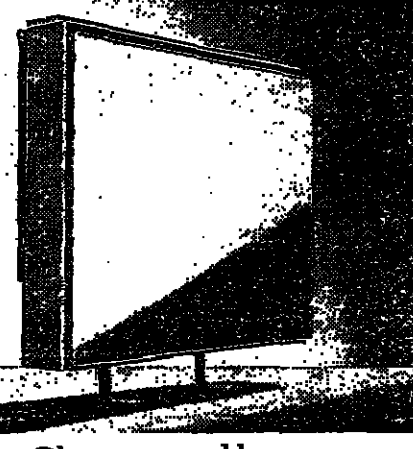
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FACES FROM THE PAST



TODAY, London's first contemporary exhibition of the Victorian's favourite mantelpiece decoration, Parian porcelain, opens at Chelsea Town Hall.

Richard Dennis, the London dealer who has organised the exhibition, which will include over 600 pieces, said there had been an enthusiastic following for Parian in America since the 1939-45 War.

"After the Second World War, statues were being sold, and a lot came on the market which had been consigned to attics when it went out of fashion at the end of the 19th century.

"Americans began to collect and we were sending pieces to the States in 1960. By 1970 we were trying to keep one of each model. Pieces in the exhibition will cost between £50 and £1,000, but it is still quite a reasonable field for collectors.

"Queen Victoria had busts done of all the family. She loved Parian and Osborne House is full of the original marble busts and the Parian copies.

Although Mr Dennis cannot find much contemporary material relating to Parian there was a great vogue for it at the time. It represented the perfect partnership which mirrored the Victorian ideal of joining industry with art.

While the industrialist would

have a marble bust, the humble bank clerk would have his copy in Parian. Many of the busts and figures of eminent Victorians, classical figures and artificially-draped ladies, were reduced by an ingenious machine which was patented in 1884.

The three-dimensional pantograph for reducing figures and busts was invented by Benjamin Cheverton. Richard Dennis has restored the original machine for the Science Museum, which is lending it for the duration of the exhibition, where it is hoped it can be demonstrated.

Minton alone had 400 to 500 individual pieces of Parian, which is a white, unglazed porcelain. Because it was so light, Parian was not so inclined to collapse in the kiln, which made it an ideal material for large groups.

Originally introduced in the 1840s, the porcelain is thought to have been discovered at Copeland's (then Copeland and Garrett). It was made in bulk from about 1850 to 1880 but was not a cheap purchase.

The less-important pieces can be picked up for very little today and represent a charming array of animals, children, classical marbles and the less attractive but interesting religious subjects, heroes and American Civil War tableaux.

"The Parian Phenomenon," from today to December 21 is at Chelsea Town Hall, King's Road, London SW3, and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. (closed Sunday December 16).



Famous faces. Far left: Lord Roberts, sculpted by A. Hopkins, reproduced in Parian by Robinson and Leadbeater, 1900. Above: Queen Victoria sculpted by Noble and made by Copeland.



Right: Wagner. Immortalised by Robinson and Leadbeater, 1880.

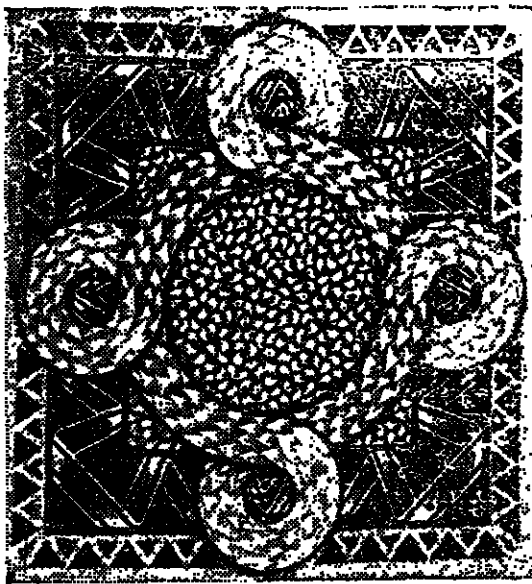
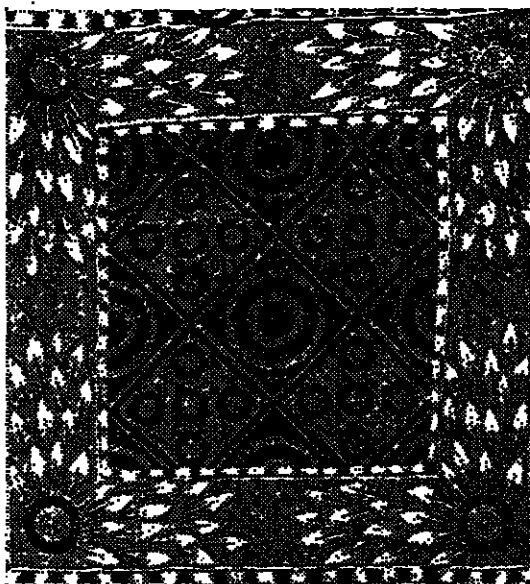
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Cressida, an artist who learned by example



Left: Cressida Bell sewing up one of her raw silk cushion covers, which are sometimes details taken from her larger wool flannel throws, shown in the foreground. The cushions, complete with feather-filled interiors, cost £50; the hand-printed wool delaine shawls, £75, and the throws, £180.

Three cushion cover designs are shown individually, on the right.



BY ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON

GIVEN her artistic antecedents, it is hardly surprising that Cressida Bell has turned out as she has. There are echoes of the decoratively - artistic Bloomsbury set in her textiles which she designs for throwing about the person and over the backs of chairs.

Shadows of the paintings of Duncan Grant, who was a grandfather figure to her in her childhood, and her grandmother, Vanessa Bell, are evident in her work. She recognises that she must have been influenced by the surroundings of her childhood but is determined to remain liberated from the

risk of designing a pastiche.

The Omega Workshops were founded in 1915 as a display case for the designs of furnishings and interiors by the painter and critic Roger Fry. The Bloomsbury Group supported him enthusiastically and it was the vibrantly-painted environment at Charleston, created by Duncan Grant and Vanessa Bell, that inspired the third-generation Bloomsburyite.

But it was Cressida's immediate family who provided the stimulus that inspired her to take up designing textiles herself. Her father, the potter Quentin Bell, was the kind of parent who painted

elaborate birthday cards on her birthday.

Her mother, Oliver, was just as talented at doing up houses and making clothes.

"I liked all the applied arts," she said. "I've always loved personal adornment: jewellery, clothes and scarves. I've always made clothes. When we had needlework classes at school, I used to think 'I'm not waiting till next week to finish that'."

After such a creatively frustrating time Cressida went on to St Martin's School of Art to take a four-year fashion course. "I've always wanted to do both fashion and textile," she said.

Her cushions in heavy raw silk, shawls in wool delaine and throws in wool flannel are currently on show in London at an exhibition at Sally Hunter & Patrick Seale Fine Art.

Cressida can see the Bloomsbury connections: "I think the obvious thing is that they are terribly patterny. All the family have been very keen on patterns. When I was little I had a sponge-stencilled bedroom.

"You take half a car sponge and cut the pattern into it with a Stanley knife. Then you dip the sponge into the paint and splotch the pattern on to the walls."

Frances Partridge, one of the last of the Blooms-

bury Set, who remembers the Omega workshops and the Bloomsbury homes first-hand, thinks that Cressida's style is very different to her first-hand experience of the period.

Nevertheless, it is an association that is hard to shake off. When a film about Scott of the Antarctic was being made, Cressida was the natural choice to design a panel in the Omega style for one of the costumes.

When architects and purist designers visit Cressida's "doll's house" in North London, they recoil against the hand-painted stripes on the walls, the

mottled pottery and the painted furniture with the shawls thrown over them to hide the tatty upholstery.

But for those of us who love harmonious colours and patterns judged with a painter's wit, Cressida Bell is a name to inspire new ideas in the way we decorate ourselves and our houses.

Cressida Bell textiles at Sally Hunter and Patrick Seale Fine Art, 2 Motcomb Street, London SW1N 8JU, is on until December 21. Closed Saturdays. Over 50 drawings and designs by Duncan Grant will also be in the exhibition.

A PRIME CANDIDATE FOR A CHARITY APPEAL

NEWEST (and many feel, the best) portrait of the Prime Minister goes on show at Spinks' Gallery, St James's, today, and was drawn on the floor of a pretty chocky and - coral sitting-room in Fulham.

What's a nice artist like Gill Rayner doing on the floor? "It's utterly natural for me to draw sitting or lying on

the floor and I always have," she said.

The drawing is a beauty and was commissioned by the NSPCC, which is hoping to raise over £60,000 with it.

A limited edition of 250 copies (on a special German paper, printed by top printer Roy Snell), each signed by the Prime Minister, at £245 each, can be ordered at Spinks' from today onwards, for delivery before the New Year.

The portrait will be on show at the gallery until the end of the year. On January 14 it moves to Wytheus Wayne Fine Art in London's Old Bond Street for one month, then will later go round galleries in other cities of Britain.

Gill Rayner is enthusiastic about her subject. "I tried to draw her as woman, not as office-holder. I found her tremendously warm and sympathetic."

Miss Rayner normally charges £475 for her portraits and numbers, among other subjects, Sarah Miles, Stewart Granger and Joe Mercer.

Her order book swells through Christmas, with deadlines on 10 commission presents looming. "If the subject or the loved one who commissions it, isn't really happy, then I change things on the spot - rather as I start again. Mouths are the hardest - they're dead - fully difficult to get right. My favourite thing to draw is eyes - what a terrific lot of character they give away."

While most drawings by Miss Rayner are commis-



sioned by husbands or by children of ageing parents, she sometimes gets the odd order, such as that of the top bachelor businessman who keeps ordering sketches and paintings of himself to encircle his walls.

All this started when Miss Rayner, a natural artist, it there ever was one, sketched everybody she knew at school, pleaded to go to art school and was refused by parents who thought secretarial school a better financial



bet. Her secretarial jobs were all in the arts, and when she abandoned all and did an overland Land-Rover trip to Bangkok with three friends, her art moment had come.

She fetched up in Singapore, stayed with an Army captain and his wife, and soon knew many of the military crowd, who longed to be sketched. First commission from one officer paid her, as a dare, all of £5. When she had amassed a tidy sum (later subjects paid better) she tucked it away, only to have it stolen by a window-cleaner.

Back, in all senses, to the drawing board. Then in Singapore and later Hong-kong, her sketching career had to support her.

It has, splendidly, since her return to Britain in 1977. Her dream: to draw the Princess of Wales, and it will surprise no one if it comes true.

Serena Sinclair

Above, left: the newest portrait of Mrs Thatcher and, above, the artist, Gill Rayner, in her favourite drawing position. "It's utterly natural for me to draw sitting or lying on the floor," she explained.

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I'd have told ILEA 'Shove off' says poly ex-head

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

THE first director of the Polytechnic of North London emerged briefly from retirement yesterday to insist: "If I was still there, I should have told Frances Morrell to shove off."

Mr Terence Miller, 66, speaking from his home in Falmouth, Cornwall, was commenting on the forced resignation of his successor at the trouble-torn polytechnic, Dr David Macdonald.

Mr Miller, Dr Macdonald's predecessor, admitted to resigning and accepting a £14,000-a-year post. He said: "The way certain polytechnic and ILEA-appointed Leftist governors have waged a campaign against the director within the court of governors is scandalous. They made it virtually impossible for him to do his job."

Mr Miller was also disappointed that many good academics inside the North London Polytechnic (the lecturers' union) have allowed the union to fall into the hands of the loony Left. Allegations of political interference by ILEA came under bitter attack from Baroness Cox, a former head of department at North London Polytechnic and a prominent member of the Right-wing "think tank", the Centre for Policy Studies, founded by Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph.

Lady Cox called for the polytechnic's closure, and said the "Patrick Harrington business" was simply the culmination of more than a decade of violent disruption and anarchy involving some staff and extreme Left-wing students. She intends to bring the matter to the attention of the House of Lords, London did not need eight polytechnics and North London Poly was a "real abuse of public money."

Mr Miller, who directed the polytechnic from its designation in 1971 until his retirement in 1980, said last night: "I should not have accepted the job as director if I had been employed by the ILEA."

He explained that the polytechnic was a company limited by guarantee, whose court of governors—there are more than 30—forms the company's board of directors. "With the exception of a once-yearly visit by the ILEA's officials to carry out their annual financial jamboree, the authority had no jurisdiction over the polytechnic."

"I certainly would not have had anything to do with Mrs Morrell. Indeed, I should have told her to shove off."

But Mr Miller, who in his time had probably seen more student unrest and violence than most polytechnic directors and university vice-chancellors, added: "I wouldn't mind being back there now to show exactly how I feel about that scandalous situation."

Scandalous campaign
As for Mr Harrington, Mr Miller had no doubts about siding with Dr Macdonald. "He should be taught in the usual way and if members of staff refuse to teach him, they should be sacked. Harrington's political views have nothing to do with the matter. If he broke the law, he should be dealt with by law."

Another former administrator of the polytechnic, Mr Tom Roberts, who retired two years ago after being deputy director



ONE ADULT IN THREE TOO FAT

By Our Health Services Correspondent

MORE than one in three people are overweight but men are more likely to be fatter than women, the Department of Health said in a report yesterday.

A survey of the height and weight of adults in England, Scotland and Wales found striking differences not only by region but also by social class. The survey found that 39 p.c. of men and 32 p.c. of women are overweight but there were more really fat women than men. Eight per cent of women were obese compared with 6 p.c. of men.

As many as 30 p.c. of women said they had been on a slimming diet in the past 12 months but only 10 p.c. men. The average man in Great Britain weighs 11st 8lb and is 5ft 8in tall while the average woman is 9st 11lb and 5ft 3in.

Tall Southerners
Men and women from the professional or managerial classes were a full inch taller than their counterparts among manual workers. Those living in the South of England (excluding London) were the tallest while those living in Wales were significantly shorter than elsewhere.

Mr John Patten, junior health minister, said the report clearly illustrated some of the problems of affluence—namely obesity and overweight. "On the evidence of this report a large number of people, including young people, are overweight."

He hoped people would take note of a recent medical report which recommended cutting down on salt and fat while eating more bread, fruit, cereals and vegetables.

"The Height and Weight of Adults in the United Kingdom," by J. P. M. Smith, HMSO, 70p.

SLIMMERS' AID

The Government has given £75,000 to help set up a national advisory and counselling service for people suffering from anorexia nervosa, the slimmers' disease, Lord Glenaigh, Parliamentary Secretary at the Health Department, announced yesterday.

Cigarettes killing 100,000 a year

By Our Health Services Correspondent

CIGARETTE smoking is by far the largest avoidable hazard in Britain today and causes about 100,000 deaths each year, Dr Donald Acheson, Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health said yesterday.

Although smokers were now in a minority in all social groups, he said that much remained to be done both to persuade smokers to stop and to discourage young people from starting to smoke.

Tar reduction

He said in his annual report that the new Government agreement with the tobacco industry would lead to a further reduction in tar yields from cigarettes.

This would help to reduce the incidence of lung cancer but it was much less likely to reduce other tobacco-related diseases such as heart disease and disease of the arteries.

"On the State of the Public Health for the Year 1983," HMSO 27p, 75p.

EX-DIPLOMAT CAN STAY IN FLAT

A retired diplomat and his wife who face eviction from their home can stay until after Christmas, West London County Council agreed yesterday.

Mr John Chadwick, 70, a former assistant Under-Secretary at the Commonwealth Relations Office, and his wife Madeline, 70, were taken to court by Stafford Court and Pegg Ltd, owners of their flat at Stafford Court, Kensington High Street. They agreed to pay rent arrears of £225.

Bishop Desmond Tutu receiving his Nobel Peace Prize from Mr Egil Aarvik, chairman of the Nobel Committee, during the ceremony at University Aula in Oslo yesterday.

Zulu chorus as Tutu receives Nobel prize

By JULIAN ISHERWOOD in Oslo

BISHOP DESMOND TUTU received his Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo yesterday to the tones of Zulu freedom songs after a bomb scare had delayed the presentation for an hour.

An anonymous caller had told an Oslo newspaper that a bomb had been planted in the city's university hall.

With King Olav and members of the royal family present as well as the entire diplomatic corps, Bishop Tutu and his family and 600 guests, the security forces had no hesitation in evacuating the auditorium.

The guests waited on the steps of the university until they were told that the ceremony would continue. "We know who the enemy is. They are the enemies of peace and justice," said an unruffled Bishop Tutu, resident in his purple cassock who received the acclaim of well-wishers on the sunny forecourt of the university building.

After a fruitless search the security forces allowed the ceremony to go ahead and King Olav returned from the Royal Palace.

Prior to the interruption, the chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee explained the reasons for the choice of Tutu as the 1984 laureate.

'Campaign for truth'

Mr Egil Aarvik said racial discrimination in South Africa was an "outrageous violation of human rights" and a system which threatened regional peace.

"On a broad front a campaign is being fought with the weapons of the spirit and reason—a campaign for truth, freedom and justice. In recognition of the fact that this alternative must succeed, Desmond Tutu has been selected as this year's peace prize laureate."

Bishop Tutu said he accepted the prize on behalf of all the people of South Africa and particularly on behalf of those committed to the cause of justice, peace and reconciliation everywhere.

DAUGHTER OF PEER KILLED BY STOLEN CAR

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Simon Goulding, 18, who admitted causing the death by reckless driving of the 27-year-old daughter of the Marquess of Bute while being chased by police, was ordered at Lincoln Crown Court yesterday to serve 4½ years' youth custody.

Lady Eileen Caroline Crickton-Stuart was killed when a stolen car driven by Goulding careered into her friend's car on the Sleaford to Lincoln road.

Goulding, of Scammon Road, Armley, Leeds, had been chased through the village of Leasingham, near Sleaford, by police.

FRANK FRASER'S LOST 356 DAYS

"Mad Frank" Fraser, 57, one of the Charles Richardson torture gang, was refused leave in the Appeal Court yesterday to challenge a prison loss of remission totalling 356 days imposed by boards of visitors at Lincoln in 1980 and 1981 for assaults on staff.

In one case he was ordered to serve an extra 150 days for throwing a chamber pot over the governor. Fraser was sentenced to 15 years in 1986 and, following his involvement in a Parkhurst riot, was given a further five years in 1989. He is due for release next May.

ARMY ON THE MUNCH

Caterpillars known locally as "army worms" have munched their way across farmland around Nairobi and are now attacking the manicured lawns of the Kenyan capital. In some areas, troops are helping spraying operations against the caterpillars, the larvae of Spodoptera Exempta, a fluffy grey nocturnal moth—fluffy

Black protesters jeer coloured race relations chief

By WILLIAM BARTON

THE controversial new race relations adviser in Liverpool, Guyanan-born Samson Bond, 27, walked into a confrontation with radical black leaders yesterday when he arrived to take up his post.

Seven policemen shielded him for nearly half an hour as he was called "scum", "traitor" and "Uncle Tom."

Black community groups wanted a local man to get the £14,000-a-year post. They say Mr Bond, formerly an £8,000 building surveyor in the London borough of Brent, was appointed in preference to three widely-experienced local candidates because he supports militant tendencies.

The Liverpool branch of the local government union Nalvo is refusing to work with him, which has forced the left-wing Labour council to freeze 10 more appointments to the race relations unit.

Cornered in foyer

Mr Bond gave a brief press conference at the City Municipal Annex yesterday: "I don't think I have been properly represented and people don't really know my views," he said. "Once that becomes clear, I am quite confident that I can win the argument."

He believes that the black people in Liverpool have suffered long enough from racism and discrimination, and I feel confident that I can make a contribution to tackle some of these problems."

But as he left the meeting, escorted by police, he was cornered in a narrow foyer outside an office in the main municipal building in Dale Street.

After nearly half an hour of insults, the protesters left. But Mr Steve French, a member of the radical Black Caucus group on the city council race relations committee, refused to leave. He was finally bundled down the stairs by police and thrown back into the crowd of demonstrators. Nobody was arrested.

The trouble is the latest in a series of incidents since the council appointed Mr Bond in October.

Black protesters stormed the office of Councillor Derek Halton, and at a later council meeting confirming the appointment punches were thrown and councillors were pushed and abused.

Yesterday the chairman of the Merseyside Race Relations Council, Mr Gideon Ben-Tovim, said: "We aim to make Mr Bond's new post unworkable. He is not the right man for the job."

174m SEE SIGHTS OF BRITAIN

By GUY RAIS

MORE than 174 million people visited Britain's 2,450 sightseeing attractions last year, an increase of five per cent over 1982, according to the English Tourist Board report published today.

Of the 174 million visits, more than 50 million were to museums and galleries, and 50 million to historic buildings. About two thirds of the places charged for admission, accounting for more than half the visitors, and raising £206 million.

Blackpool pleasure beach, between six and seven million visitors, while the Tower of London attracted the most paid admissions, of more than two million.

The National Gallery moved up from fourth to third place with nearly three million non-paying visitors, overtaking the British Museum.

The Top 10 attractions for charged admissions were:

Charged admission	
Tower of London	2,182,000
Madame Tussaud's	1,886,000
Jewel House	1,800,000
Tower of London	1,629,000
Allon Towers	1,600,000
Wickstead Park	1,500,000
Kettering	1,250,000
London Zoo	1,239,000
New Gardens	1,038,000
Thorp Park, Surrey	820,000
Chester Zoo	801,000
Roman Baths and Pump Room, Bath	788,000

Free admission	
Blackpool pleasure beach	6,700,000
Science Museum	5,348,000
National Gallery	3,348,000
British Museum	2,844,000
Westminster Abbey	2,750,000
Natural History Museum	2,300,000
St Paul's Cathedral	2,300,000
Canterbury Cathedral	2,000,000
York Minster	2,000,000
Victoria and Albert Museum	1,818,000

SCOTS TOURISM RECORD

Tourism in Scotland has hit a record this year, according to the Scottish Tourist Board. It is estimating £1.3 billion in sales from British and overseas visitors.

Mr Alan Deveraux, chairman, said the figures meant Scotland was 50 per cent more dependent on tourism than England.

Debenhams defiant over Sunday opening

By JOHN GRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

LABOUR-CONTROLLED Oxford City Council yesterday warned the Debenhams store group that it faced prosecution if it went ahead with plans to open its store in the city on the two Sundays before Christmas.

The firm said yesterday that it would take the consequences rather than abandon its intention to open 64 stores in England and Wales on the two Sundays before Christmas.

The group already opens four in Scotland on Sunday. Oxford is one of the first councils to warn stores that they could face prosecution, with the prospect of a fine of up to £1,000, under the Sunday trading laws. Others are considering the matter.

Opening observed
Councillors in Camden will study a report from one of their inspectors who observed the opening of the Heal's complex in the Tottenham Court Road on Sunday. The council's Policy and Resources Committee, which will make the decision, is not due to meet until February.

Habitat 67 plans to open the Habitat section of the Heal's complex and the Habitat stores in Chelsea and Wellingford on the two Sundays before Christmas.

Kensington and Chelsea Council said that it would only prosecute if it had received a complaint. So far, there had been none.

Derby City Council's technical services committee yesterday decided to seek a High Court injunction to prevent the Debenhams store in the city from opening on the next two Sundays. The council was backed by Derby Chamber of Trade.

25,000 BONDS

Mark Chamberlain, 23, the Stoke City and England winger, was disqualified from driving for a year and fined £150 yesterday after he admitted driving with excess alcohol. He also admitted exceeding a 40 mph speed limit and was fined a further £45 by magistrates at Leek, Staffs.

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Hughes quits Matthey

JOHNSON Matthey yesterday announced the resignation of John Hughes, managing director of the company, at his own request. Mr Hughes, who had been in the post since 1979, is to be replaced by Mr. Johnson Matthey, who has been in the post since 1979. Mr Hughes is to be paid a sum of £1.5m as compensation for loss of office. Mr Johnson Matthey is to be paid a sum of £1.5m as compensation for loss of office.

Norcros ahead

PROFITS from Norcros for the six months to Sept. 30 edged ahead from £13.8m before tax to £14.1m on turnover up from £185m to £186m. The interim dividend goes up 12 p.c. to 2.80p, payable Feb. 11.

Greenall progress

NORTH-WEST brewer Greenall Whitley is lifting its dividend by 10 p.c. to 4.40p a share for the year to Sept. 28 with a final of 2.20p a share. The chairman says that after the internal investment and acquisitions of 1984, the immediate strategy is to consolidate.

Bath hits out

BATH and Portland has forecast a "substantially increased dividend" in defence of the £48m bid for C. H. Besser (Holdings). In his rejection document to shareholders, Bath and Portland chairman David Macdonald draws attention to achievements and developments over the last two years and will write to shareholders with an estimate of profits for his year to Oct. 31.

GEC buying-in

GENERAL Electric Company confirmed it had bought up an extra 5.25m of its own shares in the stock market on Friday. This took its three-day buying spree to 40.4m shares (1.5 p.c.) at a total cost of £58m. The company is now understood to be out of the market but it will return if prices weaken offers a buying opportunity. The shares were 239p against GEC's buying price of 225.5/15p.

Safeway up

SAFeway Food Stores increased pre-tax profits by 15 p.c. to £27.4m on sales of £705m an increase of 18 p.c. Chairman Terry Spratt says he expects continued growth in the current year. During the year to the end of September, the American-owned group opened seven stores and plans to add a further 14 to its present 116 in the current year.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (1000 Gld)	178.10 - 0.30
BRUSSELS (1000 Bfr)	159.32 - 0.18
FRANKFURT (1000 Mks)	1,087.00 - 5.50
HONGKONG (1000 HK\$)	1,115.01 - 7.11
NEW YORK (1000 \$)	1,172.26 + 9.05
PARIS (1000 Ffr)	181.70 + 0.30
SYDNEY (1000 A\$)	724.20 - 2.30
TOKYO (1000 ¥)	11,466.93 - 92.91
ZURICH (1000 Sfr)	320.70 + 0.70

U.S. RATES

Federal funds	8 1/2 p.c. (week)
Treasury 3 mth bill	8.35-30 (8.25-31)
Long bonds	11.00-24 (10.90-14)
Yield	11.05 p.c. (11.70 p.c.)

U.S. COMMODITIES

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Wheat (1000 bush)	3.40
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Soybeans (1000 bush)	4.40
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Silver (1000 oz)	16.50
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Retail sales hit peak in run-up to Christmas

By DAVID GREEN

SPENDING in the shops last month surged to a new high, according to Trade and Industry Department estimates published yesterday, and retailers, casting aside earlier nervousness, say the stage is set for another record Christmas.

Debenhams managing director Peter Carr says: "The expected pickup came through in the last half of last week and we are now on course."

Ten days ago, like a lot of other retailers, he was showing signs of nervousness at the slow start to the all-important Christmas season.

The unusually mild November and Christmas Day falling on a Tuesday (an awkward day in high street thinking) are the two main reasons given for the week itself last year and things can only get better."

The department puts its volume sales index for November at 115.4 (1980 = 100), which compares with 113.2 for October and 114.5 for September, the previous record month.

The department says this sharp jump on October raises questions about the way seasonal adjustment factors are calculated but adds that its unadjusted data shows a normal

increase in the run up to Christmas.

Allowing for an overestimate as high as 1 p.c. in department expectations, the volume increase in November over the previous November would still show an increase of 3 p.c. This is in line with projections made for the whole of 1984 by the Retail Consortium which represents a majority of Britain's shopkeepers.

Given that the volume increase shown in 1983 over 1982 was 5 p.c. a further rise this year of 3 p.c. can be regarded as a healthy progression.

Roy Stephens, Selfridges chief executive, also agrees with the "late Christmas" theory. "The consumer still seems to think there is a long way to go. But trade is good. We're looking for a bit more push but it will come."

Jan Anderson, director of trading for the Lewis Partnership department stores, reporting an increase of 4.8 p.c. for the week ending Dec. 1 for the comparable week in 1983, says the rise was "disappointing" but not entirely unexpected.

Trade at the Oxford Street store showed a decrease of nearly 11 p.c. as a result of the virtual closure of Oxford Circus Tube station but total sales rose steeply and "an exhilarating Saturday" saw many new records for a single day's trading.

An extra worry for retailers this Christmas in the wake of the Home Office ban on shop hours is whether or not to open on Sundays.

The decision by some well-known names to take the plunge could be taken as an indication of earlier apprehension about the level of trade as much as a desire to provide a service for customers.

Exco to buy Milbank moneybroking firm

By ANNE SEGALL

ENCO International, the money-broking and financial services group run by John Gunn, yesterday announced plans to buy stockbroker Laurie Milbank's highly specialised moneybroking operation in a deal thought to be worth £10 million.

The announcement comes just two weeks after news that Laurie Milbank and fellow stockbroker Simon & Coates are to be acquired by Chase Manhattan of New York when Stock Exchange rules permit.

At the time, Laurie Milbank senior partner Peter Stevens made it clear that the money-broking business had been excluded from the deal with Chase in order to avoid "conflicts of interest" between Chase's money entry into the new gilt-edged dealing system being organised by the Bank of England and the function of broking stocks and shares between Stock Exchange firms.

Mr Gunn said yesterday that he has long admired Laurie Milbank's broking operation and believes that the changing City environment will provide it with "excellent potential" for growth.

An added attraction is also the belief that the Bank of England will only allow a limited number of firms to provide a specialist service in broking stocks and shares for firms.

Mr Gunn admitted yesterday that Exco is paying "a lot of money and goodwill" for Laurie Milbank's broking operation but would not disclose the precise sum.

He argued that the premium is justified because Laurie Milbank's leading position in the market, with the firm accounting for over half the total business done.

Between three and five Laurie Milbank partners are expected to be given an equity stake in the new company which will be set up by Exco to take over Laurie Milbank's broking operations.

Both sides confirmed yesterday that Chase Manhattan has lost over half the deal and is "happy" with the arrangements.

Until Stock Exchange rules permit the deal to go ahead, Exco is to become a limited partner in Laurie Milbank. Exco is to acquire the broking operation goes through, this arrangement will cease.

Car sales likely to fall

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

A FURTHER but small fall in car sales is in prospect next year, although exports and production is expected to rise, according to industry forecasts.

Leading manufacturers are predicting sales of around 1.72 million, a fall of 20,000 on the expected total this year and 70,000 below the peak 1.79 million of last year.

Output is forecast to rise above the million mark for only the second time since 1979, helped by an increase in exports, notably by British Leyland's Austin Rover group, to the Continent.

Production this year will dip below a million cars to about 985,000 because of disputes and a slower than anticipated level of imports.

Hopes that imports would be down to 50 p.c. of sales by the end of this year have been dashed by the continued high level of deliveries from Ford and Vauxhall's Continental factories.

Ford has increased the proportion of cars it assembles in Britain from 55.4 p.c. of the

EMPLOYERS are still not sure whether to growl or shriek at response to rumours that the Chancellor plans to tax pension funds or pension contributions in the forthcoming Budget to finance income tax cuts without actually giving anything away. The reaction at yesterday's conference organised by the Confederation of British Industry was still a mixture of horror and incredulity.

But rather late in the day the pension managers are taking the threat seriously. Tom Heyes, chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds and also Investments and Insurance Manager at ICI, took his listeners round the course of alternatives, and predicted the virtual collapse of the established pension system if Mr Lawson applies to pensions the same logic he used on life assurance premiums in the 1984 Budget.

Removing tax relief on employee's contributions to pension funds would put extreme pressure on employers to absorb the cost of employees' contributions into pay and make schemes effectively non-contributory. Taxing employers' contributions would treat them worse than ordinary business costs and make them a virtual payroll tax. Taxing employees on their employers' contributions as if they were a perk would be even harsher.

What is worse, says Mr Heyes, taxing contributions would dissuade individuals from joining pension schemes just when the Government wants to encourage them, and taxing occupational schemes while giving portable personal portable schemes tax advantages would be unthinkable.

In case Mr Fowler, who addressed the conference earlier, missed the message, Mr Heyes predicted Mr Fowler's painstaking inquiries into portable pensions and ways of encouraging private pensions to take over the role of the state earnings-related schemes would be a complete waste of time, while the Chancellor could kill the goose and end up with little or no more revenue than at present.

The decision by some well-known names to take the plunge could be taken as an indication of earlier apprehension about the level of trade as much as a desire to provide a service for customers.

Waddington 'higher profits' defence

JOHN WADDINGTON, fighting off a £44 million bid from British Printing and Communications Corporation, yesterday forecast that pre-tax profits for the year to end-March next year will be at least 69 p.c. higher at £5.7 million.

Chairman Victor Watson said that last year when the company successfully defended itself against a previous bid from B.P.C.C. the profit forecast was compared with the £1.5m we are aiming at and we do so again," he added. "There will continue to be satisfactory growth in the value of Waddington's shares."

It is "disappointing" that the ultimate beneficial owner of Robert Maxwell's Pergamon and B.P.C.C. companies is lost in Liechtenstein banks, said Mr Watson. It is possible that court action may be taken to find the ultimate owner of the shares would be dishonoured.

Mr Maxwell dismissed this as "outrageous and irrelevant smokescreen." His £5 a share closes at the end of this week, and Waddington have tried to undermine that value by saying acceptances would not get the 12p a share interim dividend.

France outvoted on OECD rule

FOLLOWING an unprecedented move to out vote France, the Common Market finance ministers yesterday reached an agreement on a mandate for today's discussions by the leading industrial nations on export credits, writes ALAN OSBORN in Paris.

The move opens the way to agreement among members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development on the terms they will offer to purchasers of large export items. Aircraft in particular featured significantly in yesterday's agreement.

France had been holding out for several months against the adoption of a common position by the Ten on the question of mixed credits, which are loans with an aid element.

Mr Lawson, Chancellor, suggested a vote be taken yesterday when the French again refused to budge and the nine-to-one result means that France will have to conform with the rest of the Community in the OECD.

The main question involved is one of defining the aid component of a mixed credit. The United States wants this to be at least 50 p.c. if the package is to benefit from tax concessions. The Commission market countries target is 25 p.c.

CITY COMMENT

Pension chiefs start taking tax threat seriously

funds invested. Mr Heyes sets up his own pension "model." It implies that a 30 p.c. tax on funds' income, assuming a return of 1 p.c. above the level of earnings' increases and 5 p.c. inflation, would involve a new fund in increasing costs from 15 p.c. to 25 p.c. of payroll, a two-thirds increase in contributions, or a 40 p.c. drop in benefits. An existing scheme would fare even worse.

Mr Heyes received strong support from Robert Horton, chairman of the BP Pensions Trust, who claimed 3,000 signatures from employees asking for assurances about tax on contributions in general and the tax-free lump sums paid on retirement in particular.

Mr Horton wants a clear statement of future policy from the Government. He deserves it. But unless he can catch Mrs Thatcher's ear, he may have to wait until March.

Lloyd's washes its smalls

LOYD'S has chosen the Brooks and Dooley scandal for the first exercise of its expulsion and suspension powers gained in the 1982 Act of Parliament. It is the smallest of the three main scandals of recent years and yesterday the ruling council of Lloyd's voted to tidy up the problem by expelling Raymond Brooks from Lloyd's, and ordering him to pay £39,688 to cover the cost of proceedings.

Terence Dooley, his partner in funneling reinsurance from a managed syndicate into a privately

held company, pleaded guilty and yesterday argued his case before the council. He has been stopped from doing business at Lloyd's for 12 months and ordered to pay £12,153.

Further retribution may be on the way. Mark Farrer, who co-incidentally is the Queen's solicitor, has written to all members of the syndicate (over 1,000 of them) saying they will have to sue to get back their £6 million. He has asked each to put up £125 or £250 (depending on how long they were on the syndicate) to pay for litigation.

This is based on advice from Leonard Hoffman, Q.C. that there is some "doubt whether, given the prevailing laxity of the Lloyd's community towards conflicts of interest, a court would find that Brooks and Dooley were dishonest, although we do not rule this out."

In either case, the reinsurance company they owned is "accountable to the Names for the profits made as a result of the breaches of fiduciary duty by Brooks and Dooley."

Either the company, Fidentia, should pay back all profits of £6.2 million, concludes Mr Hoffman, or compensate for the loss caused by the breach of duty which accountants Spicer & Pegler calculated would come to even more. A series of companies controlled by the two men could also be sued, according to Mr Farrer. But Mr Hoffman warns "such litigation is bound to be long and complicated" which is why Mr Farrer wants members to put up roughly £200,000 to start.

Aid stages a recovery

A 1984 annual report of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of member countries of the OECD published in Paris today confirms that the total flow of aid from the rich industrial countries has fallen again to about 0.4 p.c. of their annual output after edging up to about 0.5 p.c. in 1983, and the United States and especially Britain are now less generous than we were in 1970 as a proportion of national output.

Relatively, however, aid has staged a recovery as a proportion of total flows of resources to the developing countries. Last year it accounted for 40 p.c. of the total again after dropping to 23 p.c. in 1981 when bank loans were at their peak.

Events in Africa, however, pose a direct challenge to the aid givers. While agreement on the need for famine relief is more or less universal, the scale of the disaster in Africa has enabled critics openly to ask if official development aid programmes in Africa have been a total failure. Africa after all now gets about 30 p.c. of total government donations, more than Asia, although Africa has only a little more than 10 p.c. of the population of the developing world.

But aid donors and recipients are now much franker than they were at admitting that most African countries have been their own worst enemies, building up a bloated bureaucracy and stifling farming and food production with an apparatus of price controls and inefficient marketing boards.

The report speaks of a new pragmatism in a number of countries and the World Bank has been quick to ask donor countries to set up a trust fund to raise \$1 billion over the next three years specifically to finance much needed reforms, and rehabilitate existing projects which have been crippled by shortages of spare parts. President Mitterrand has pledged \$500 million, and Scandinavia and Italy are also chipping in. The bank is hoping to get another four or five donors in time to set it up next month.

Carbide statement boosts Wall Street

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

A STATEMENT by Union Carbide that it would be able to compensate victims of the Bhopal disaster without affecting profits helped lift Wall Street out of the doldrums late yesterday.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which had shown a loss of six points in early trading, soared to gain 13 points in late afternoon before the rally momentum ran out of steam.

The index closed up 9.05 at 1,172.26. Volume totalled 82 million shares.

The afternoon advance pushed the Dow up to its best

gain in nearly a week and the rest of the world will top Carbide that it would be able to compensate victims of the Bhopal disaster without affecting profits helped lift Wall Street out of the doldrums late yesterday.

The rise gave hope that the market may be able to pull itself out of the slump that has held it captive for the past fortnight. Investors said the performance was encouraging because it came in the face of disappointing economic news.

On the negative side Commerce Department Secretary Malcolm Baldrige predicted that America's already enormous trade deficit would get worse in 1985.

Mr Baldrige expects the United States trade gap with

IADB to issue £100m 'bulldog'

THE Inter-American Development Bank is raising £100 million for 30 years through the "bulldog" bond market, as the market for foreign issuers of domestic sterling bonds is called.

The IADB bonds will pay interest of 10 p.c. over the yield on a "reference" gilt-edged stock. Treasury 15½ p.c. 2004-08. They will be issued in registered form but interest will be payable gross.

Lead manager of the issue is London merchant bank Baring Brothers.

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The Directors announce that the unaudited Group results for the six months to 30th September, 1984 were:

	Six months to 30th September 1984	Six months to 30th September 1983	Twelve months to 31st March 1984
Turnover	\$586,465	\$203,183	\$82,297
Surplus on trading	105,821	25,494	90,402
Investment income	3,804	3,882	4,514
Share of associated companies profits	736	305	852
Profit before taxation	110,361	29,679	95,768
Taxation	41,337	14,081	44,106
Profit after taxation	69,024	15,598	51,662
Minority interests	29	85	105
Extraordinary items	69,095	15,515	51,557
Profit attributable to shareholders	70,880	24,115	60,349
Earnings per \$1 share	16.9 SEN	4.5 SEN	14.2 SEN
Taxation comprises:			
Malaysia	39,869	13,702	43,388
United Kingdom	1,020	278	412
Associated companies	248	101	306
	41,337	14,081	44,106

GROUP PROFIT
Turnover showed a substantial increase of \$383 million or 188 per cent over the same period last year. This was mainly due to increased sales by Jomalina and to a lesser extent increased commodity prices of all crops except rubber.
Surplus on trading was 315 per cent more than the same period last year due largely to higher oil palm crops, firm palm oil prices and improved trading conditions in the palm oil refining industry.
The lower tax charge is mainly attributable to the turnaround performance at Jomalina, a company which has utilised investment tax credit and capital allowances.
The extraordinary items relate largely to profits arising from land sales.

NOTES:
(1) Turnover and surplus on trading include the Post Acquisition results of the newly acquired plantation companies. The financial year ends of these companies will be changed to be co-terminous with that of the Holding Company.
(2) The newly acquired companies are tax-resident in the United Kingdom. It is anticipated that their tax residence will be transferred to Malaysia before 31st December, 1984.
(3) Earnings per share has been adjusted to take into account the 55,895,535 new shares issued following the acquisitions.

Harvested crops—tonnes	Six months to 30.9.84	Six months to 30.9.83	Twelve months to 31.3.84
Rubber	24,075	20,474	47,492
Palm oil	85,705	68,337	117,107
Palm kernels	24,546	18,887	33,838
Cocoa	1,953	1,159	5,899
Copra	3,489	3,185	5,866

NOTE:
Harvested crops include crops from the newly acquired plantation companies from date of acquisition.
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ZADNAL ABDIN BIN JAMAL, Secretary.

Norcros image tarnished

NORCROS shareholders have a right to feel sore. Pre-tax profits for the half year to September 30 are only marginally ahead at £14.1 million against £13.9 million.
Expectations for the group had been ranged between £16 million and £17 million and the shares demonstrated disappointment yesterday with a 17p slide to 165p.
This follows an annual statement, published three months into the year, which had indicated strong performances throughout the group.
In fact, the international profits are up to expectations with an increase from £2.38 million to £2.92 million, despite a slowing down in growth from Nigeria. But the United Kingdom contribution is all over the place.
Profits from the construction division have tumbled from £3.3 million to £2.48 million, reflecting a sharp turnaround to losses by Crittall Construction. Changes have already been made there with the workforce being cut by 17 p.c. to 500, the costs of which are included in a below the pretax profits line extraordinary charge of £1.56 million.
What is most disconcerting is that this company was already making losses at the time the optimistic statement was made.
The bad news does not end there. The engineering division, which produced profits of just under £2 million in the corresponding period, has slipped into the red to the tune of £97,000. In this division there were three loss-makers, A.B. Cranes of Telford, Butterley Engineering of Ripley and Lion Foundry in Scotland.
The other divisions, ceramics and print and packaging, made reasonable progress and are continuing to do so but it is unlikely that the group as a whole will see much if any growth in the full year—£36 million pre-tax is a maximum hope.

When the company first made its move for U.B.M. (in which it still has a 36 p.c. stake) last year it began to win new City friends who appreciated a new, more dynamic image. Whether these will remain faithful remains to be seen but the only real excuse for holding the shares at the moment is the 7.4 p.c. prospective yield. Just like the old days.
Greenall on a plateau
If Greenall Whitley was still a simple brewer, its results for the year to September 28 would be close to the bottom of the sector league table. In fact, Greenall is claiming third place in the brewers' 1983-84 growth stakes.

Group trading profits for the year, after interest but before tax, and excluding property realisation surplus, rose 15.1 p.c. to £28.25 million. The pre-tax balance, including property, increased 17.9 p.c. to £28.3 million.
Within the trading profits, beer, wines, spirits and soft drinks between them managed a gain of only just over 5 p.c. Beer volumes were down by about 1 p.c., and even lager was only slightly up.
Greenall has missed out so far on the growth in take-home trade, and its percentage of larger compared with bitter is among the lowest of the major brewers. Soft drinks and wines and spirits were flat, the exception being vodka which was 13 p.c. up in volume terms.
The group is hoping to catch up on the home trade and has acquired two off-licence chains which will help to promote its products in its traditional trading areas. Cider, which has also shown growth in the pubs, is being strengthened with the acquisition of the Symonds Cider business.
Meanwhile, Greenall is having to look to its diversifications to provide expansion — and they are a mixed bunch. Arrowsmith, the package-tour business picked up from the Receiver after the Laker collapse, cut its trading loss from £1.14 million to £25,000 but is still operating in a difficult market.
Hotels have been buttressed by the purchase of de Vree Hotels and Restaurants, which added around £1.2 million to trading profits up from £2.96 million to £5.11 million.
Further acquisitions will, however, have to be set on one side for the time being as Greenall's gearing is up to the 30 p.c. level even after a property valuation — which the board itself feels is high enough. The group is, however, now generating cash.
The shares, unchanged at 147p yesterday, are selling at about eight probable earnings for the current year. While that is not expensive, it is difficult to see what will give them the stimulus to move very far.

Bath defence strangely weak
BATH and Portland Group "strongly rejects the ludicrously inadequate offer from C. H. Beazer (Holdings)" — within a strangely weak defence document which contains none of the information shareholders require to make up their minds.
There are plenty of assurances and expressions of confidence in the company's future, but no profits forecasts and no revaluation of assets. These are promised shortly in a letter to shareholders — along with a substantially increased dividend.
Bath and Portland has little reason to fire off all of its bullets so early in what looks like being a drawn-out battle. The first closing date for the offer is on Friday and the stock market is clearly betting that Beazer will both extend and increase its original bid.
Bath's shares stood at 288p yesterday, compared with Beazer's share offer which, with Beazer at 562p each, is worth around 237p a share. Beazer's cash alternative is underwritten at 220p.
Anyone feeling nervous about the possibility of an increased bid should sell in the market. Those wanting to take a chance on a higher price should hang on a while.
Bath's forecast for the year to October 1984 is unlikely to cause any surprises and seems bound to be set at around £5.5 million where the low-tax earnings multiple is about 12. But bid decisions will surely depend on whether the company is able to provide any strong indications of profits for the current year.
At present outside estimates are ranged at around £7.6 million which assumes substantial benefits from the recent capital investment on the minerals side plus continued improvement from the instrumentation division.
That drops the prospective multiple to 10 times which is not a high valuation for a group which, on its own admission, has received a large number of approaches for its minerals interests which could be worth anything up to £54 million, compared with a market capitalisation of £54 million.
If Beazer were to fail Bath's shares could slip to 22 a share at worst. But if Bath comes up with the expected projections shareholders could see the offer rising much closer to £3 a share.

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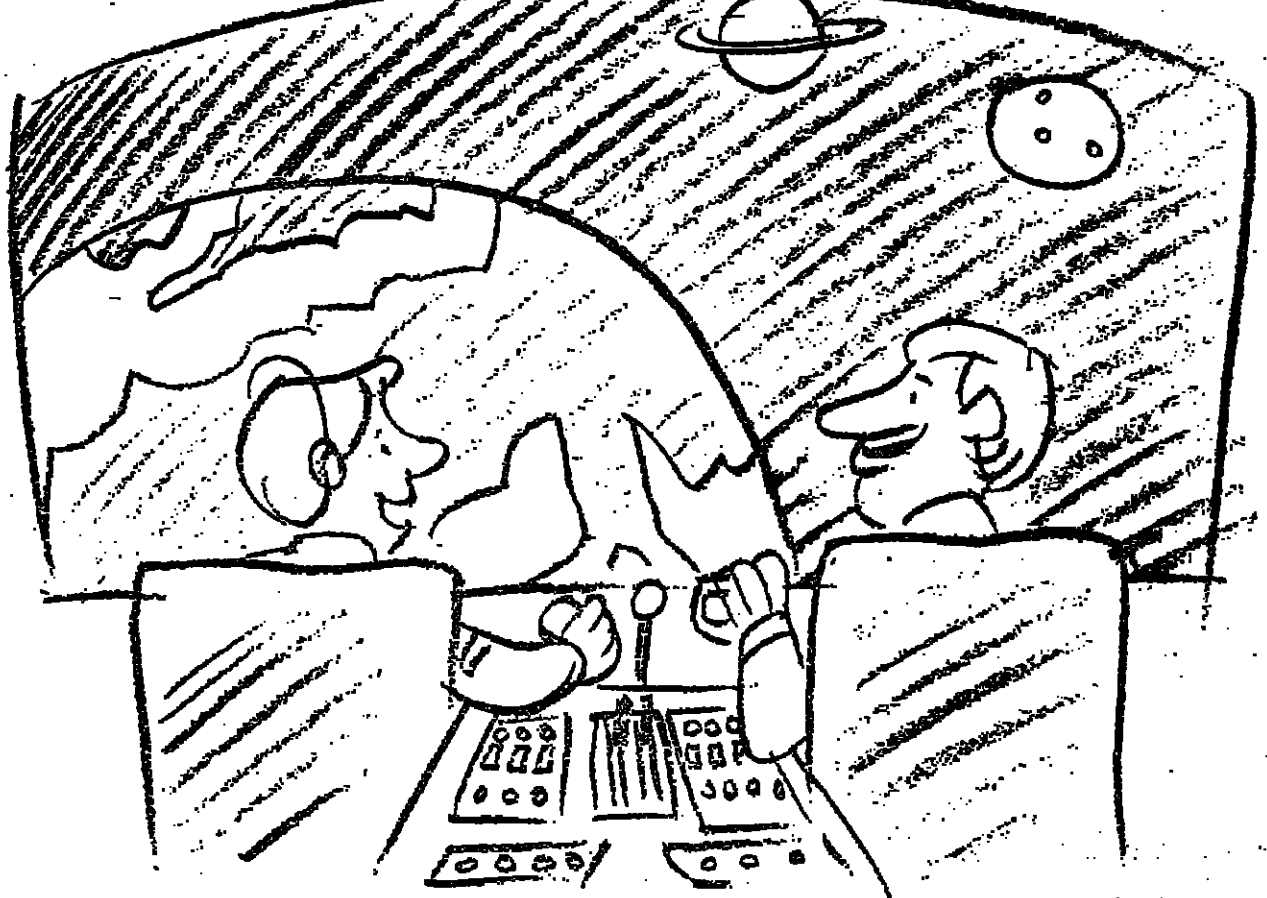
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6 a.m. Newdesk. 7 World News. 7.3 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 Sweet Soul Music. 7.45 Network C.A. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 The Art of Gerald Moore. 8.30 Hollywood's Oscar Night. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.10 Look Ahead. 9.15 What's New. 10 News. 10.1 Disasters. 10.20 Wives and Daughters. 11

World News, 11.5 News about Britain, **11.15** Letter from London.
12-noon Radio Newsreel, 12.15 The Spirit of Kitty Hawk
12.45 Sports Roundup, 1 World News, **1.9** Twenty-four Hours, **1.20** Network U.S., **1.45** Record
 of the Week, **2** Outlook, **2.15** Plares of Hope, **3** Radio
 Newsreel, **3.15** A Jolly Good
 Show, **4** World News, **4.5** Com-
 mentary, **4.15** Omnibus, **4.45**
 The World Today, **5** World
 News, **5.9** Meridian.
8 p.m. World News, 8.15 Con-
 cert Hall, **10** World News, **10.9**
 The World Today, **10.25** Scot-
 land This Week, **10.30** Finan-
 cial News, **10.40** Reflections,
10.45 Sports Roundup, **11**

World News. 1.15 Commentaries. 1.15 Singers of Schubert. 1.20 Meridian.

1.25 midnight World News.

1.25 News about Britain. 1.25 Radio Newsreel. 1.25 Omnibus. 1 News. 1.1 Outlook. 1.30 Report on Religion. 1.45 Country Music Profile. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Singers of Schubert. 2.20 Wives and Daughters. 3 World News. 2.9 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Discovery. 4 Newsweek. 4.30 Wakeup. 5.45 The World Today.

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